



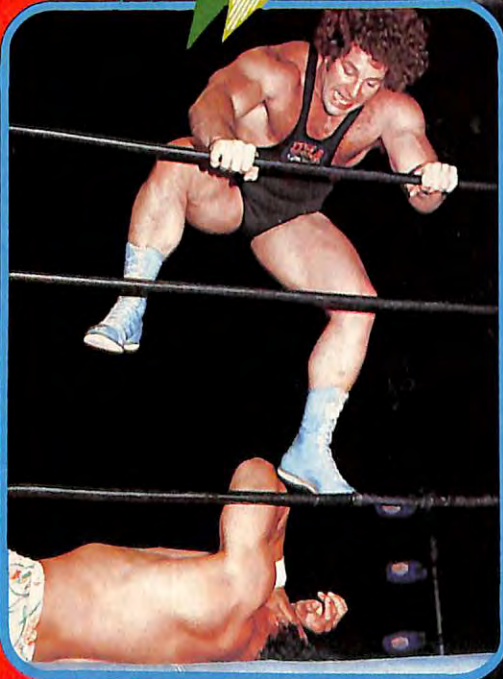
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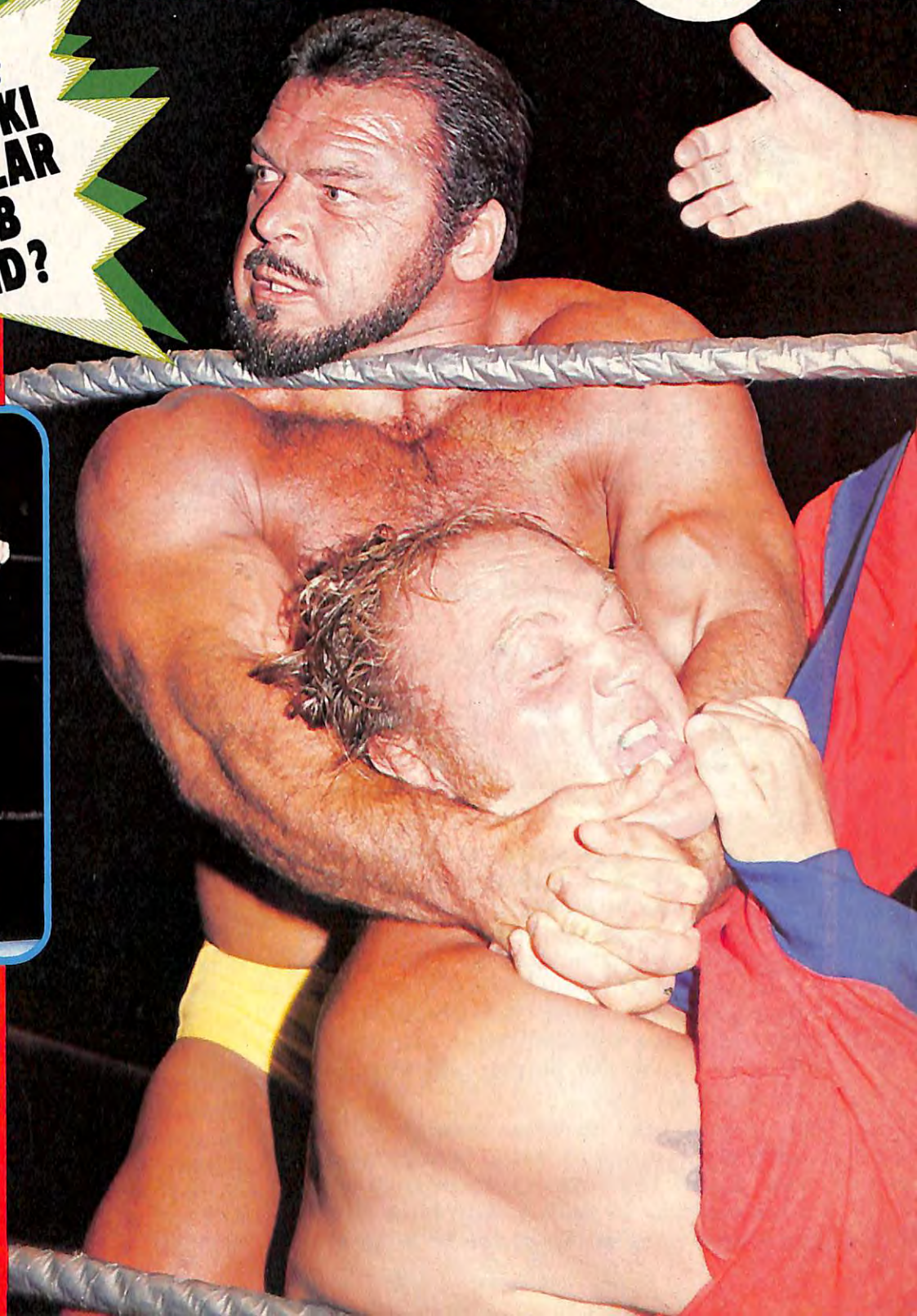
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"To pyramid this investment into retirement in less than ten years seems like magic, but in my opinion any man in good health who has the same ambition and drive that motivated me, could achieve such a goal. Let me give you a little history.

"I finished high school at the age of 18 and got a job as a shipping clerk. My next job was butchering at a plant that processed boneless beef. Couldn't see much future there. Next, I got a job as a Greyhound Bus Driver. The money was good. The work was pleasant, but I couldn't see it as leading to retirement. Finally I took the plunge and went into business for myself.

"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that

business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

"I found it. Not right away. I investigated a lot of businesses offered as franchises. I felt that I wanted the guidance of an experienced company—wanted to have the benefit of the plans that had brought success to others, plus the benefit of running my own business under an established name that had national recognition.

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# fifty

a true story  
by John B. Haikey



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# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Peter  
King  
Editor-in-Chief

Our feature story this month (on page 34) is sure to cause a great deal of controversy. But it is necessary.

As the story explains, our "Most Popular" ratings are based upon the amount of fan mail a wrestler receives during the month. This month, Bob Backlund and Ivan Putski were tied for first place (each man received 3,243 pieces of mail). Although it has never been done before, we felt a fan vote was needed to break the tie.

A caution--a vote for one man does not mean a vote against the other. Backlund and Putski are two of the most popular athletes in wrestling. The man who wins the balloting will be most popular. The man who comes in second should NOT be considered unpopular. He is the second-most popular man in wrestling. That in itself is quite a tribute. So fill out the ballot on page 35 and send it to us today.

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INSIDE WRESTLING is very proud to present its newest columnist in this month's issue. Stu Saks joins our staff and will be an excellent addition to an already superb magazine.

Stu will take over the popular "Behind the Dressing Room Door" column. I know you will find his wrestling knowledge second to none and his writing style fresh and impressive.

Welcome to INSIDE WRESTLING, Stu!

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Now that Summer's over, I would like to give you a few brief notes I made while travelling the wrestling circuit the past two months.

BEST YOUNG GRAPPLER: Tony Atlas; CHAMPION MOST LIKELY TO FALL: Harley Race; MOST MIXED UP WRESTLER: Paul Jones; WRESTLER WHO IS MOST FUN AT PARTIES: Ric Flair (of course!)



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# TOP SECRET

## Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu  
Saks

I HAVE NEVER met Randy Gordon. I don't expect to. The only contact we ever had was a phone call he made. It sounded very distant.

"Stu," he said. "I understand you are taking over my column."

His voice cracked and there was a long pause. I knew he was choked up and I didn't quite know how to handle the silence. I just blurted out the first thing that came to my head. "Randy, I'm really sorry this had to happen. Your column was great. If you don't mind, I'd like to keep the same title and just try to take over where you left off."

"Thank you, kid, and good luck," was his only reply. Little more had to be said.

Randy Gordon did not have to leave this magazine, but he would not be able to live with himself anymore had he not. I'm not trying to antagonize anyone, but everybody in this office knows why he left and it would be a disservice to his fans if the true story wasn't told.

Randy could not be at peace with himself if he stayed with the magazine. Frustrations got the better of him. To make an extremely complex situation as simple as possible, Randy's biggest enemy, Dan Shocket, works in the same office, only 15 feet away from his desk. Randy was a hard-working journalist who painstakingly confirmed every bit of information that he stated as fact in his column. Dan practices yellow journalism. If he heard a rumor that supported his beliefs it was presented as fact, confirmed or not. Or he would make up the rumors

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by Joe Nazario, Mr. U.S.A. Physique Champion, 1977,  
Mr. International, 1978

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I'm a professional body builder. I won the Mr. U.S.A. competition in 1977, and the Mr. International contest in 1978. I'll probably win Mr. Universe this year. I'm also in the exercise and health consulting business in New York City.

So I'm familiar with exercise and body building programs. I've probably tried every single one of them. And do you know something? Not one of them is worth the money you have to pay!

The reason is simple. Every so-called exercise machine, every weight-lifting set ever made works on one of two principles: isometric (putting stress on muscles that do not move) or isotonic (moving muscles under stress).

So, when you pay good money for a machine or a set of fancy equipment, you're buying a gimmick. You can accomplish *exactly the same exercise value*, get exactly the same results, without the machine—**IF YOU KNOW HOW!** What's more, since machines and weights put a tremendous amount of stress on weak, underdeveloped muscles, they can *actually cause more harm than good*.

## THE SIMPLE LOCKER ROOM SECRET THAT REALLY WORKS, IN JUST 90 SECONDS

In my years as an athlete and as an "iron pumper," I've seen hundreds of men get ready for strenuous competition. Each had his own personal mannerisms. Each had favorite warm-up exercises. But over the years, I noticed a simple, common thread that was common to all.

*I actually discovered the simple locker room secret that the pros use to build up their bodies in just 90 seconds!*

That's right, using my secret, you can exercise *all 18 muscle groups* in your body in just 90 seconds. Eighteen simple exercises every day, just five seconds on each. And within two weeks or less, you'll begin to notice the difference.

You'll **FEEL** stronger! You'll **LOOK** healthier, your body will be **FAR MORE ATTRACTIVE!** I'm not talking about tiny differences you can measure with a tape—I'm talking about *great changes* you'll begin to feel yourself, you'll notice in the mirror, your friends will notice on the beach!

## WHAT IS MY AMAZING SECRET?

Frankly, it'll cost you \$5.00 to find out. After all, a secret as good as this one, a secret that will make your body stronger, healthier, better looking is *worth \$5.00!* But I'll give you a hint. It's a combination of the principles of *both* isometrics and isotonic. I call it "Tonometrics". And it requires no special equipment, no fancy gym. You can use my "tonometric" techniques and special "tonometric" exercises in your bedroom, bathroom, even in your office during your coffee break!

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30	up to 200%	70	up to 50%

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Joe is 29 years old. He presently is in the health food business, and conducts seminars on health, nutrition, and exercise.

Joe has served as a consultant to industry, and gives private body building instruction. In 1977, Joe won the Mr. U.S.A. Physique Championship, and in 1978 he was named Mr. International.

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# ON THE ROAD

with  
GARY MORGENSTEIN



**H**ASHARLEY RACE become vulnerable? Is the long-time NWA champion slipping? Will a new champion emerge?

I'd received a bizarre report from one of my contacts in Miami. Guy by the name of Todd Turley, retired carpenter. Todd told me that he'd seen Race wrestle a lot lately. Todd doesn't do much except watch wrestling and sand cabinets. Anyway, this old nail-pounder said that Race was losing it.

leaping into my brand new Honda Accord. Fifth gear and the Carolinas whizzed by. Met Matt Brock in Atlanta and can't remember what happened except I came to at four in the morning, lying on a bar floor with a half-eaten souvlaki over my chest. Matt was gone. Maybe the blonde bimbo had fallen victim to the veteran's wily ways.

Let's pick up the tale in Florida. Matches against three



A bloody Harley Race is supported by the top rope. Is the NWA champ faltering? A retired carpenter made the observation, Gary Morgenstein confirmed it, and Race himself admitted to being "tired."

I've heard that before. In Race's case, it's been said a lot. Sometimes by jealous wrestlers. Sometimes by alleged critics puzzled by Harley's long reign. I never discount anything. That's how stories are compiled. Naturally, some things must be taken with a grain of salt.

What the hell, I thought,

different foes illustrate Race's growing problems.

Dusty Rhodes. Against the Dream, Race was forced into an early brawl. Not that brawls between Race and Rhodes are cause for surprise. What distinguished this from prior Race-Rhodes wars was the

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# THE INSIDER

By STEVEN FARHOOD

## SCOOP OF THE MONTH

Tony Atlas turned down an official government post as Ambassador to an African country to continue his sensational grappling career!

As amazing as it seems, Atlas rejected the impressive position to pursue his dream: a major wrestling championship.

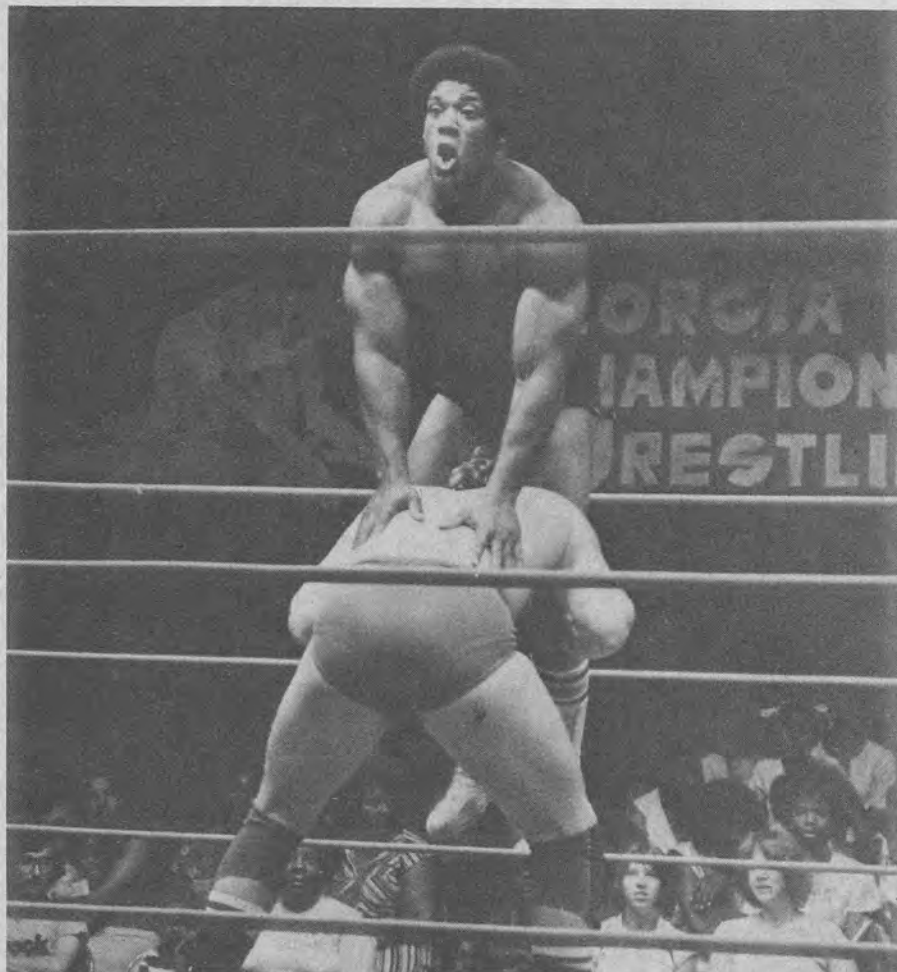
"I was flattered by the government's offer," Atlas admitted. "I guess they chose me because I got along real well with all types of people, from regular Joes to big shot politicians.

"But I feel there is much I have to accomplish in the squared circle before I enter other fields. When I do retire from wrestling, I plan to venture into all types of experiences."

Atlas, a likable, intelligent young man, is a wrestler on the rise. He has recently invaded the WWF, after a long and successful stint in the Mid-Atlantic area. WWF fans cannot believe his strength and agility.

"The WWF is an exciting place to be," Tony said. "If I took that other position, I'd be traveling all the time and spending most of my weeks in Africa. I love Africa, but right now I'd rather stay in the United States and wrestle for my living."

Adib Mwale, a spokesman for the African country's govern-



Tony Atlas is a wrestler on the move. Fortunately that move is only from the Mid-Atlantic to the WWF. The popular star recently turned down an ambassadorship to an African country. Although he is not ruling out the possibility of entering politics in the future, he feels there is too much left to accomplish in the ring at the present.

ment, expressed disappointment over Atlas' decision.

"In Tony Atlas, I see one of the brightest young men on the face of this wide earth," he said with remorse. "Men like Tony do not appear on the international scene too often. The American government realized this and tried to get Tony

working for them. Unfortunately, the talented man has other things on his mind right now. But in the future, his voice will be heard concerning international affairs."

Tony Atlas. Wrestler on the rise. Man on the move. More than just another superstar.

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!



## **SONNY KING**

It appears that King has finally been halted. The Florida wrestling commission suspended King. The family is in confusion. No one knows what King will do now or where he will do it. Rumors continue to swirl, none of which have been supported.

## **TONY ATLAS**

The muscular young wrestler is grappling in the WWF. Brought in as a counter-weight to the evil likes of Greg Valentine and Hussein Arab, Atlas' real ambition is the North American title, currently held by Pat Patterson.



## **BULL RAMOS**

Presently the Americas champion. Wrestles a great deal in Los Angeles, where he hasn't lost the ability to antagonize fans. Recently completed a ferocious match with Mil Mascaras which many experts felt ranked among the area's greatest bouts.

## **BUDDY ROGERS**

Has turned to managing in the Mid-Atlantic area. His first coup: the conversion of Jimmy Snuka to rulebreaking. Rogers hopes to collect a sizable stable of evil-doers in his brazen attempt to dominate the entire region.



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# Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan  
Shocket

**H**ONEST WRESTLING FANS will admit there are two sets of rules. One set is designed to handcuff wrestlers who are called rulebreakers. The other set is to allow the scientific wrestlers to do things rulebreakers wouldn't even consider. The second set is for people who pay the referees.

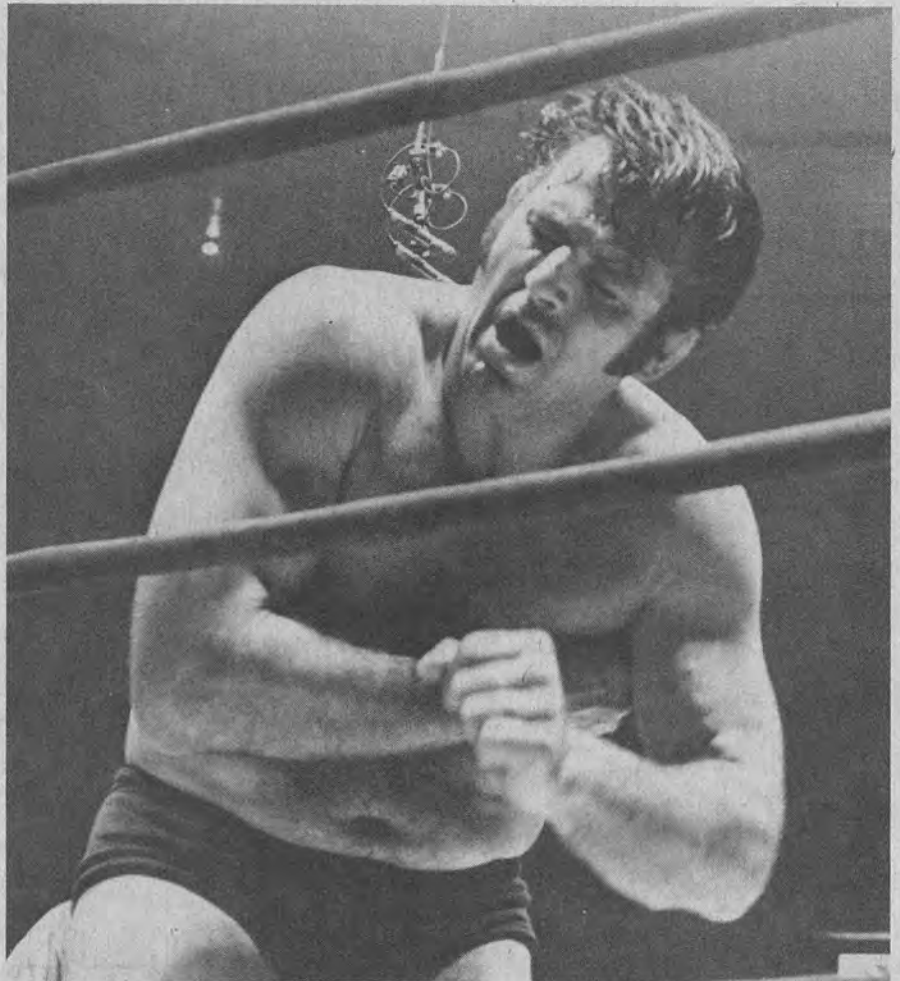
Recently, I received a letter from a perplexed fan. He said that in a recent match pitting Dominic DeNucci and Steve Travis against Baron Scicluna and Mr. X, DeNucci attacked Baron with the timekeeper's hammer.

"I expected Scicluna to use the hammer," he writes, "not DeNucci. And what did the ref do? Nothing. Why wasn't DeNucci disqualified? If Scicluna used the hammer, he would have been immediately disqualified."

Surprise.

My correspondent asks how this could happen. He also asks if this means DeNucci is turning rulebreaker.

First, let me answer the second question. Dominic DeNucci doesn't have the guts to become a rulebreaker, which means a man who sneers at fans and does anything to win. It's much



Baron Scicluna claims Dominic DeNucci hit him with the timekeeper's hammer and was not disqualified. Dan Shocket claims there is a separate standard applied by referees to scientific wrestlers and rulebreakers.

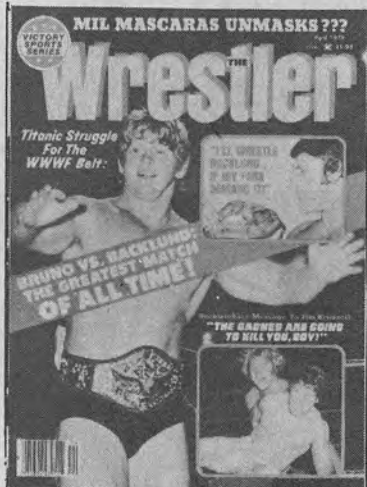
easier for him to hide behind the referees. As for actually breaking the rules, scientific wrestlers do it all the time. They just pay for the privilege. DeNucci is one of the most generous men in that area. He knows you get what you

pay for.

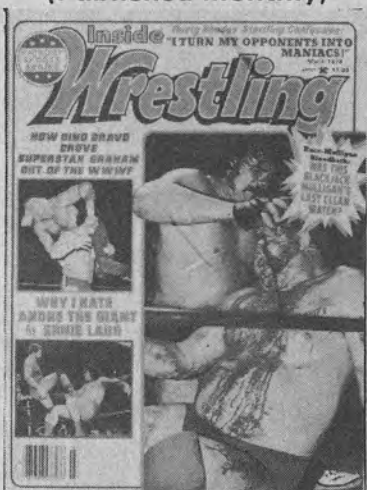
My correspondent asks if I'd investigate into why DeNucci wasn't punished for using the hammer. I asked the people who should punish DeNucci—the WWF officials—why he

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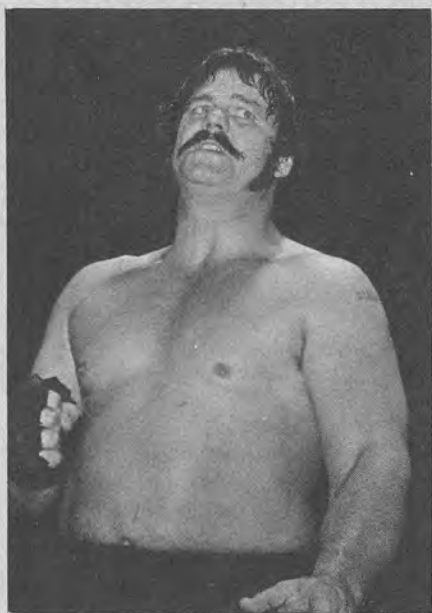
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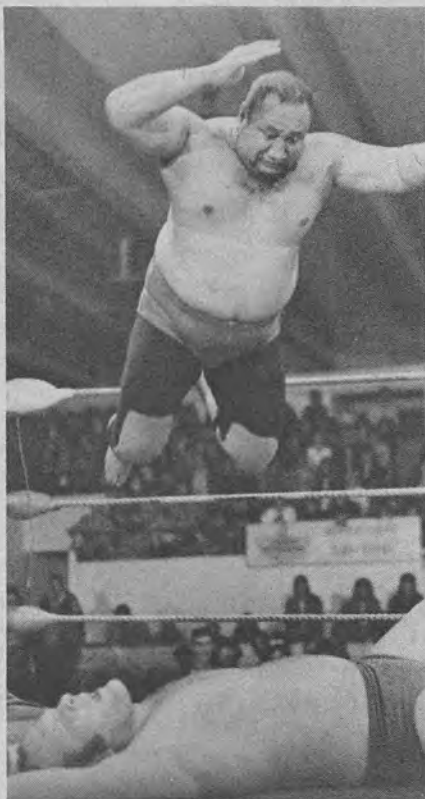
Just as this issue went to press, we learned that RIC FLAIR and BLACKJACK MULLIGAN have won the NWA tag team championship from PAUL JONES and BARON VON RASCHKE. The ex-champions claim they were victims of a prejudiced referee. "GEORGE SCOTT, the damn referee, is a friend of both Flair and Mulligan," Jones blasts. "He had dinner with them just a few hours before the match. We will take our case to the NWA and get the belts returned to us.



**BLACKJACK MULLIGAN**

Justice must be served!"

Big TOR KAMATA has invaded Texas and his main targets are members of the VON ERICH FAMILY—DAVID, KEVIN, KERRY, and of course, FRITZ . . . KEN PATERA has issued a challenge to WWF champion BOB BACKLUND. "But I want Backlund to wrestle me on my home turf—not his," says Patera. "Charlotte, North



**TOR KAMATA**

Carolina is where I want Howdy Doody Backlund. He can't pay referees off there like he does in New York."

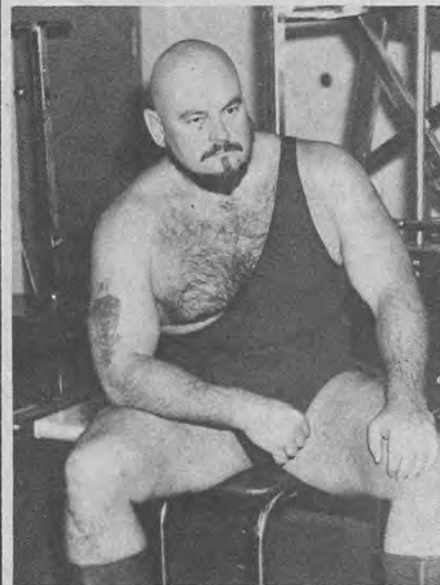
What a shame! JIMMY SNUKA is now a rulebreaker. Snuka's newly found manager, BUDDY ROGERS, says that Jimmy will now go on to win the NWA championship. "The guy was a sissy until I changed his style," Rogers boasts. "Now he is A-1 championship material." . . . "HANDSOME" JIMMY VALIANT headed to Tennessee minus his brothers and CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO.

RODDY PIPER has stated that he is tired of the "inferior competition in the WWF and may leave the area if they don't stop feeding me these losers." . . . SUPER DESTROYER II

claims he holds five pinfall victories over CRUSHER. The record books substantiate Crusher's cry "Bull!" . . . TOMMY RICH and STAN HANSEN have lost the Georgia tag team belts to former champions OLE ANDERSON and IVAN KOLOFF.



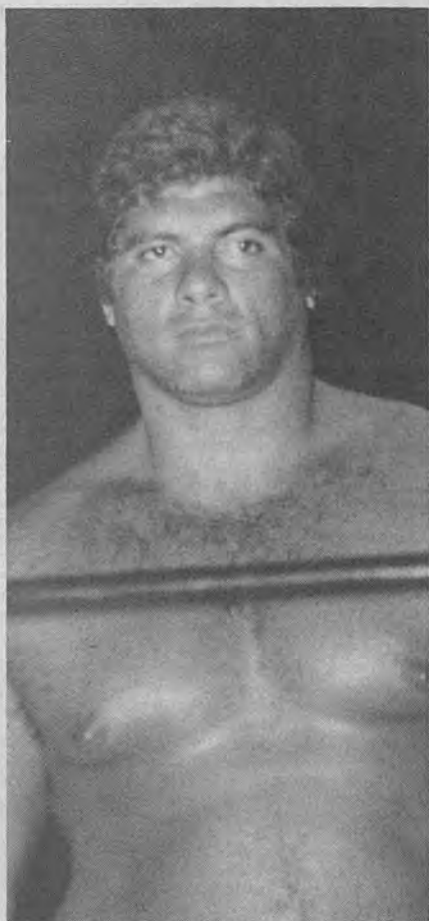
**JIMMY SNUKA**



**IVAN KOLOFF**

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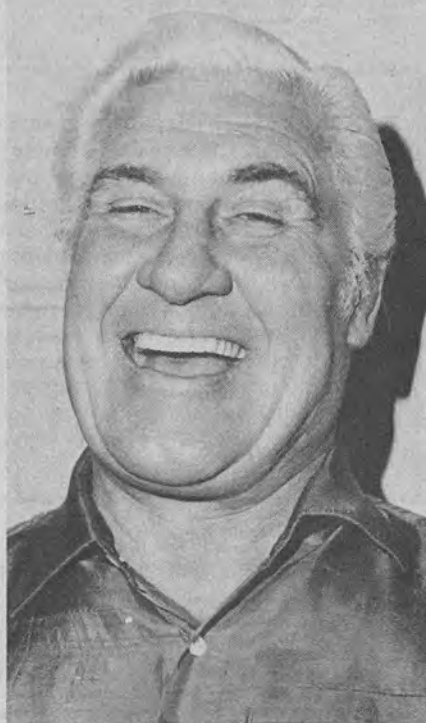
**DON MURACO**

Since SONNY KING has been banned from Florida, his henchmen, KING CURTIS, DON MURACO, KILLER KAHN, THOR THE VIKING, and BUGSY McGRAW have been aptly advised by MR. HATORI. They all agree he is a genius... RICK STEAMBOAT survived the clawhold of BARON VON RASCHKE for a full five minutes and then the time limit saved him... BRUNO SAMMARTINO and NIKOLAI VOLKOFF are feuding in arenas all over the east coast.

JIM GARVIN and STEVE KEIRN are defending their Florida tag team championship while Steve's ex-partner, MIKE

GRAHAM, is chasing singles titles... CHIEF JAY STRONG-BOW boasts that he has learned how to use the figure-four leglock but is reserving it for the legs of GREG VALENTINE (the man that broke his leg with that same hold)... JERRY LAWLER has gone the rulebreaker route again. It appears that Jerry became jealous of the success of his partner BILL DUNDEE and a feud has begun. "I taught Dundee all he knows and then the AWA goes and gives him a shot at NICK BOCKWINKEL before they give me one!" Lawler complains. "I deserve the title shot—not flunkie Dundee!"

FRED BLASSIE wants it known that unless he appears in a photo with one of his



**FRED BLASSIE**

proteges, the photo is not complete. "I am the brains behind all my men," Blassie explains. "Without my mug in the photo, you only get an out of focus view of my protege. The picture is not clear unless I'm in it."... STAN STASIAK says he will defend his Pacific



**STAN STASIAK**

Northwest championship against anyone. "I duck nobody!" he insists... SWEET BROWN SUGAR signed a contract to wrestle several matches in California... GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE was banned from California rings after only two appearances in that state... BOBBY HEENAN "helped" BLACKJACK LANZA win

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# COLLECTOR'S CORNER

## WRESTLING MAGAZINE

It was simply titled "WRESTLING." And it was the first serious attempt to establish a magazine devoted entirely to professional wrestling which had a regular frequency and a world-wide distribution. The five issues of **WRESTLING** magazine are perhaps the most sought-after collector's back issues now made available to you.



**JANUARY 1951**  
(First Issue) Wrestling King of Sports, Toots Mondt, Wrestling Whirl, Andre Drapp, How To Feel Like A Champ, How To Wrestle, Wrestling Girls, History of Wrestling, Rocca (First Published Story), Frank Gotch's Life, Most Colorful Stars, George Hackenschmidt, Kings of Mat

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**MARCH 1951**—Human Side, Wrestling Whirl, How to Wrestle, New Faces, Popularity Ratings, Strangler Lewis' Life, Sumo Wrestling, Yukon Eric's Life, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Strong Arms, June Byers' Life, George Hackenschmidt vs. Frank Gotch

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**MAY 1951**—Letters, Wrestling Whirl, The Cauliflower Ear, Promoter Frank Tunney, Jim Londos' Life, Nell Stewart, Quiz, Great Togo, Gene Stanlee, Mongolian Wrestling, Fran Gotch Again Beats Hackenschmidt, Top Ten Villains, How to Wrestle

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**JUNE 1951**—Editorial, Promoter Sam Muchnick, Wrestling Whirl, Ella Waldick, Kenny Ackles, Everett Marshall's Life, Joe Stecher vs. Jim Browning, Torturous Holds, Chief Don Eagle's Life, Turkish Wrestling, Tag Matches, Ratings, Rocca Describes His Toughest Match, Mystery Wrestler

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**NOVEMBER 1951 Boxing**—John L. Sullivan, TV Favorites, Lew Jenkins, News of the Month, Joe Louis Kayoes Lee Savold, How's Business, Harry Greb, Jimmy Carter Wins Lightweight Crown, Can Robinson Beat Maxim, Historic Photos, Jack Dempsey's Record, Results of the Month, Cartoon

**Wrestling**—Superman Lou Thesz, Girl Star Nell Stewart, Ratings, The Garibaldi Clan, Bert Assirati, Greatest Matches, Gus Sonnenberg Beats Strangler Lewis

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**DECEMBER 1951 Boxing**—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month

**Wrestling**—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sander Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pet Peeve, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston

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**JANUARY 1952 Boxing**—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts

**Wrestling**—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat

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**FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story

**Wrestling**—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings

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**MARCH-APRIL 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Million Dollar Gates, Gene Tunney's Record, Heavyweights of 1952, Trouble with Boxing, Jim Jeffries, Henry Armstrong, Dumb Dan Morgan, Rocky Marciano, Jersey Joe Walcott, Tex Rickard Story, Ezzard Charles, Jimmy Carter vs. Art Aragon

**Wrestling**—Fred Von Schacht, Frank Gotch Record, Midgets, Wrestling Whirl, Millie Stafford, Matches of Month, Max Baer in Wrestling, Ratings, Promoter Billy Thom of Indianapolis, Good Old Days

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**MAY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Greatest Heavyweights, Johnny Dundee, Harry Matthews, Ratings, Benny Leonard's Record, Tex Rickard Story, Kid Gavilan, Battling Nelson vs. Ad Wolgast Classic, Tommy Burns, New N.Y. Boxing Commissioner Bob Christenberry, Bobby Dykes

**Wrestling**—Whipper Watson, Old Timers, Wrestling Whirl, Verne Gagne, Great Gama, Matches of Month, Primo Carnera, Ratings, Strangler Lewis, Girl Wrestling in Germany

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**JUNE 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record

**Wrestling**—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz

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**JULY 1952 Boxing**—Fights of the Month, Joe Baks, Jess Willard, Manager Al Weill, Abe Attell, Danny Nardico, Fighters Are Human, Tex Rickard Story, Famous Filipinos, Norman Hayes, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Lord Blears, My Toughest Bouts by Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Texas Rasslin', Ratings, Ivan Kamiroff, It Began With Milo, Good Old Days

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**AUGUST 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Paddy Young, Sammy Mandell, Trainer Doc Bagler, Jack Dempsey, Keeny Teran and Gil Cadillac, Tex Rickard Story, Lew Tendler, TV From Miami, From Knockdown to Victory, Ratings

**Wrestling**—Dirty Dick Raines, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, How Girl Wrestlers Keep Fit, Ratings, Adrian Baillargeon, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Mighty Atlas

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Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues are very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

**SEPTEMBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Fighting Italians, George Araujo, Pancho Villa, Trainer Charlie Goldman, Willie Troy, Ratings, Boxing Confidential, Gene Tunney, Jackie Fields

**Wrestling**—Bobby Managoff, Lou Thesz's Record, Ratings, Matches of Month, Tim Geohagen, William Muldoon, Wrestling Whirl

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**OCTOBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights (Walcott vs. Charles; Carter loses to Salas, etc.), Lauro Salas, Stanley Ketchel, Irish Champions, Chuck Davey, Max Schmeling, Ratings, Joe Miceli, Strange Experiences, Willie Pep tells about his loss to Sandy Saddler, Boxing Medicine Man Dr. Nardiello

**Wrestling**—Riki Dozan, Their Hardest Battles, Matches of Month, Ray Gunkel, Tough Turks, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Record of Verne Gagne

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**NOVEMBER 1952 Boxing**—Highlights, Joey Maxim Beats Ray Robinson, Billy Graham, Jack Britton, Jews in Boxing, Robert Villmain, Ratings, Jack Dempsey, Interview, Ray Robinson compared to Harry Greb and Mickey Walker, Jack Sharkey

**Wrestling**—Frank Sexton, Chief Don Eagle, Nell Stewart-Girl Star, Lou Thesz vs. Barone Leone, How They Broke Into Wrestling, Matches of Month, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Joe and Billy Varga-Father and Son Wrestlers

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**DECEMBER 1952 Boxing**—Rocky Marciano, Highlights: Rex Layne Beats Ezzard Charles, etc., Fighting French, Johnny Bratton, Jackie 'Kid' Berg, Boxing Humor, Tommy Garr, Comparing old and new greats, Dave Davey, Primo Carnera, Ratings, Dressing Room Drama, Dramatic Incidents

**Wrestling**—Killer Kowalski, Record of Gene Stanlee, Jack O'Reilly, Ratings, June Byers, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of Month, Tough Way To Make A Living, Hollywood Promoter Hugh Nichols

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**JANUARY 1953 Boxing**—Marciano wins title from Walcott, Highlights of Month, The Negro in Boxing, Tommy Collins, Max Baer Story, Ted 'Kid' Lewis, Johnny Gonsalves, Managers' Mistakes, Ratings, Kid Herman, Sparring Partners, Gerald Dryer, Human Punching Bags

**Wrestling**—Fred Atkins, Rocca's Record, Disgusted Fans, Ratings, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Ronnie Etchinson, Matches of Month, Al "Dragon" Tucker

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**MARCH 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Highlights (Ezzard Charles Beats Cesar Brion; Johnny Bratton over Joe Miceli), New Jersey Champions in Every Division, Glen Flanagan, Joe Louis Story, Promoter Sam Silverman, Cleveland Williams, Boxing Jinxes, Jack Delaney, Ratings, What Makes a Champion, Johnny Risko

**Wrestling**—The Buddy Rogers Story, Fred Atkins, Wrestler vs. Boxer, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Mule Kick Marlin, Wrestling Whirl, Ratings, Matt Kosternich, Rick Starr, Lou Thesz vs. Gene Stanlee

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**APRIL 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Billy Graham vs. Joey Giardello; Tiger Jones vs. Johnny Bratton), Pat McMurtry, Billy Miske, Ezzard Charles, Undeclared Johnny Saxton, Fidel LaBarba, Luis Firpo, Archie Moore Wins Title at Age 36, Jimmy McLarnin, Jack Dillon

**Wrestling**—Marvin Mercer, Matches of Month, Record of Yukon Eric, Killer Kowalski vs. Yukon Eric, Man Mountain Dean, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Promoter Al Mayer, Trading Holds

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**MAY 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights in Review (Danny Nardico upsets Jake LaMotta, Rocky Castellani beats Tiger Jones), Kid Gavilan kayoes Chuck Davey to retain crown, Roland LaStarza tops Rex Layne, The Dundee Brothers, Baltimore's Great Fighters, Saga of John Morrissey, Tommy Loughran, Ratings, Middleweight Muddle, Charlie White

**Wrestling**—Fred Curry, Elvira Snodgrass, Matches of Month, Great Togo, Ruffy Silverstein, Trading Holds, Record of Buddy Rogers, Ratings, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs

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**OCTOBER 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of the Month, Dan Bucceroni, Promoter Lew Raymond, Arthur Persley, Light Heavyweight History, Best Heavyweight Bets, Jackie 'Kid' Berg upsets Tony Canzoneri, Floyd

Patterson, Charlie 'Phil' Rosenberg, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings  
**Wrestling**—Leo Nomellini, Johnny Barend, Ratings, Record of Sonny Myers, Violet Viann, Matches of Month, Frank Gotch, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Trading Holds \$30

**DECEMBER 1953 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Marciano kayoes Roland LaStarza (title), Fights of Month, Referee's Problem, Tony Galento and Manager Joe Jacobs, Philadelphia History, Five Best Lightweight Bets, Middleweight History, Battling Siki, Primo Carnera Kills Ernie Schaaf, Jimmy Slattery, Ratings  
**Wrestling**—Lucky Simonovich, Ratings, Mighty Atlas, Reggie Lisowski, Yvon Robert, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Wrestling Whirl \$30

**FEBRUARY 1954 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez, Mickey Walker, Hein Ten Hoff, Featherweight History, Boxing Quiz, Luther McCarty, Joe Louis vs. Bob Pastor, Jack Johnson vs. Tommy Burns, Stanley Ketchel, Harry Greb, Ratings  
**Ratings**—Bill Melby, Primo Carnera, Matches of Month, Raphael Halpern—The Wrestling Rabbi, Ratings, Len Hughes, Fan Clubs, Leo Nomellini, Wrestling Whirl, Remember When \$35

**MARCH 1954 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, 'Red Top' Davis, Bantamweight History, Commissioner Frank Wiener, Earl Wals, Ratings, Power of Punch, Bat Battalino vs. Kid Chocolate, Amateurs, Your Boxing I.Q., Ace Hudkins  
**Wrestling**—Dennis Clary, Sander Kovacs, Ratings, Dory Funk Sr., Matches of Month, Gossip, Wrestling Whirl, Hans Schmidt, Trading Holds, Record of Lord Blears \$35

**MAY 1954 Boxing**—Fighting Talk, Former Champions Speak Out, Fights of Month, Rocky Castillo, Joey Giambra, Stanley Ketchel, Tommy Burns, Billy Peacock, Henry Armstrong Wins Title From Petey Sarron, Training, Boxing Quiz, Jimmy Wilde, Ratings  
**Wrestling**—Don Leo Jonathan, Eric Pederson, Trading Holds, Top Money Makers, Tarzan White, Matches of Month, Duke Keomaka, Fan Clubs, Remember When \$35

**JULY 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, French Invasion, Archie Moore Can Beat Marciano, Bat Masterson, Gil Turner, Harlem Tommy Murphy, Holly Mims, Vince Dundee vs. Len Harvey, Vince Martinez, Your Boxing I.Q., Ratings, Bud Taylor  
**Wrestling**—Tor Yamato, The Larsen Brothers, New Jersey Stars, Ida Mae Martinez, Matches of Month, Frank Jaras, Gossip, Fan Clubs, Wrestling Whirl \$35

**AUGUST 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk, Marciano vs. Charles Fight, Fight of Month, Manager Al Weill, Britain's John Sullivan, Al Davis, 'Hurricane' Jackson, Ratings, Battling Nelson's Life, Vince Martinez, Benny Leonard vs. Jimmy McLarnin, Carmine Fiore, Joe Lynch, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Ray Eckert, Ratings, 'Treacherous' Phillips, June Byers, Matches of Month, Gypsy Joe, Gossip, Trading Holds \$35

**OCTOBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Fighting Talk, Fights of Month, Joey Giardello Says He'll Kayo Bobo Olson, Harry Greb's Life, Cisco Andrade, Weighing Ins, Tiberio Mitri Kayoes Randy Turpin, Jack Dempsey vs. Bill Brennan, Walter Cartier, TV Is Killing Boxing, Quiz, Ratings, Lew Tendler  
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**NOVEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Can Marciano Be Beaten? Sam Langford's Life, Al Andrews, Managers Art Winch & Sam Pian, Billy Lauderdale, Max Schmeling vs. Harry Thomas, Carmelo Costa, Quiz, Ratings, Promoter Norm Rothschild, Stanley Ketchel vs. Jack O'Brien, Maxie Rosenbloom  
**Wrestling**—Nell Stewart, Baron Leone, Canadian Champs, Enrique Torres, Matches of Month, Art Neilson, Wrestling Whirl, Dick Raines-Abe Kashey Feud, Gossip \$55

**DECEMBER 1954 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Matches of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ezzard Charles writes about Marciano, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom's Life, Paul Andrews, Tony Galento vs. Lou Nova, Benny Leonard, Quiz, Dempsey vs. Fred Fulton, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Bob Orton, Matches of Month, Cowboy Carlson, Mars Bennett, California Champs, Al Costello, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

**FEBRUARY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Nino Valdez Says "I'll Beat Marciano," Billy Petrolle's Life, Carmen Basilio Challenges Johnny Saxton, Bare Knuckle Fighters, Lou Stillman, Jim Corbett vs. Joe Choynski, Jack Delany, Jack Johnson Compared to Modern Fighters, Why Black Fighters Are Tops, Quiz, Ratings, Jimmy McLarnin  
**Wrestling**—Billy Varga, Ratings, Violet Viann, Verne Gagne, Speaks Out, Matches of Month, Sonny Myers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, How To Start A Fan Club \$25

**MARCH 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Kid Gavilan, Cisco Andrade, Eugene Cricqui, Ratings, Writer Dan Parker, Best Heavyweight Of All, Charley Powell, Young Griffo, Kid McCoy vs. Tom Sharkey, Willie Ritchie, Quiz, Pedro Montanez  
**Wrestling**—Gorgeous George, Matches of Month, Jack Witzig, Ike Eakins, Texas Tough Guys, Little Black Dynamite, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

**APRIL 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Archie Moore Blasts Marciano, Robert Cohen, Joe Choynski's Life, Strike By Managers' Guild, 'Boardwalk' Billy Smith, Ad Wolgast vs. Joe Rivers, Fake Fights, St. Nicks, Arena, TV Fights of 1954, Paul Berlenbach, Quiz, Ratings \$25

**MAY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Jimmy Carter, Trainer Whitey Bimstein's Secrets, Pancho Villa's Life, Frankie Ryff, Ray Robinson's Comeback, Les Darcy, Charley Norkus, Max Baer Kayoes Max Schmeling, Bob Fitzsimmons, Quiz, Ratings, Barney Ross  
**Wrestling**—Primo Carnera, Roy McClarity, Matches of Month, Southwest Champs, Great Scott, Killer Kowalski Strength Secrets, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up of Buddy Rogers \$20

**JUNE 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Eduardo Lausse, Tony Canzoneri's Life, Tiger Jones and Bobby Jones, How Marciano Is Managed, Lou Brouillard's Life, Bob Baker, Matchmaker Teddy Brenner, Ten Deadliest Punches, Tommy Ryan vs. Sandow, Ruby Goldstein, Ratings, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Yukon Eric, Pacific Coast Powerhouses, Billy Goetz, Wrestling Whirl, Manuel Cortez, Matches of Month, Bob Geigel, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Billy Varga \$25

**JULY 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Rocky Marciano Crushes Don Cockell, Fights of Month, Chico Vejar, Tony Canzoneri's Life (conclusion), Carmen Basilio describes his war with Tony DeMarco, Fight Nite At St. Nicks, Jimmy Soo, Fantasy Fight with Joe Walcott, Ludwig Lightburn, Benny Leonard vs. Ever Hammer, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Ratings, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—'Tiger' Joe Marsh, Matches of Month, Timmy Geohagen, TV Stars, Yukon Eric Tells How To Build Muscles, Was Henri DeGlane a Nazi? Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs, Full Color Pinup of Frankie Talaber \$25

**AUGUST 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Floyd Patterson, Tony DeMarco, Boxing's Mouthpiece, Mickey Walker, Joe Rowan, Fritz Zivic batters Henry Armstrong, Fighting Irish, Joey Lopes, Sam Langford vs. Stanley Ketchel, Quiz, Luis Firpo, Ratings  
**Wrestling**—'Legs' Langevin, Yukon Eric, Matches of Month, Promoter Eddie Quinn, Most Dangerous Holds, Joe Cassius, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Full Color Pin Up Of Leo Nomellini \$25

**SEPTEMBER 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Castellani, Promoter Jim Norris, Fight Afternoon, Rudy Garcia, Abe Attell, Billy Graham Quits, Terry McGovern vs. Pedler Palmer, Pat McMurtry, Al Singer, Willie Jackson, Ratings, Quiz  
**Wrestling**—Leo Nomellini, Do Black Wrestlers Get Fair Shake? Matches of Month, Crazy Kalmikoffs, Hans Schnabel, Wrestling Whirl, Al & Tiny Mills, Gossip, Wrestling Stinks! Full Color Pin Up of Big Bill Miller \$25

**OCTOBER 1955 Boxing**—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, The Real Marciano, Frankie Carbo, Carmen Basilio, John L. Sullivan vs. Charley Mitchell, Carmelo Costa, Jack Dempsey (Part 1), Paddy Young, Archie Moore, Joe Benjamin, Ratings, Quiz  
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# The Crime We Cannot Forgive:

**B**UDDY ROGERS LEANED back in his chair, folded his hands across his chest, and dropped his legs heavily on his desk. He grinned and spoke. "Go ahead," he said, "ask me anything you like."

A throng of reporters readied their pads, pens, and tape recorders and blurted out variations of the same question.

- Did you have contact with Jimmy Snuka prior to his change from scientific wrestler to rulebreaker?

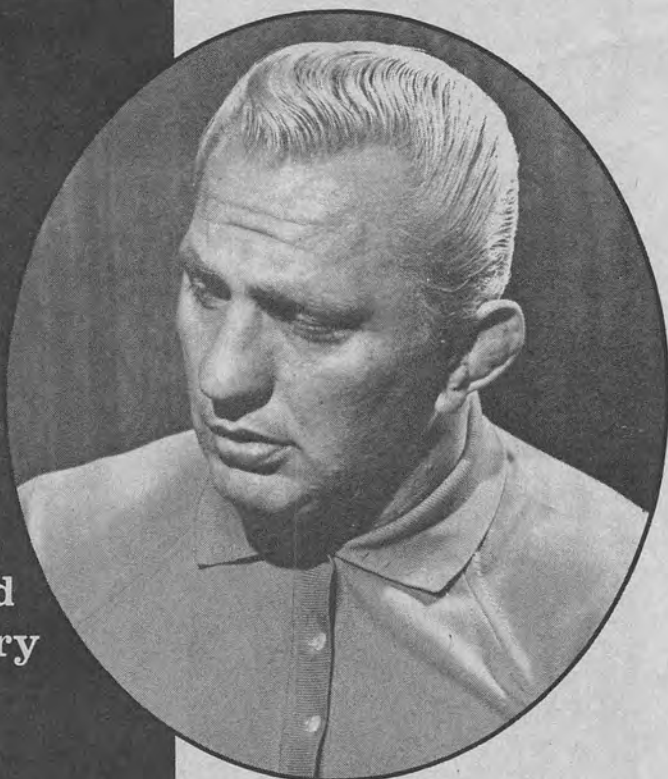
- Is it mere coincidence that Snuka was in your stable one day after his change of style?

- Ken Patera appeared to be talking to Snuka during their match. Then they shook hands when it was over. What was Patera saying?



# HOW KEN PA JIMMY SNUKA I

Once, Jimmy Snuka was thought to have a brilliant and promising career as a scientific wrestler. Mid-Atlantic fans cheered him. Peers praised him. But Buddy Rogers got his talons into Snuka and turned him bad. This is the story



Ken Patera plants a knee in Jimmy Snuka's ear (left). With the help of Buddy Rogers (above), Patera has converted Snuka into a rulebreaker.

- How have you gained this sudden influence over a wrestler who was previously dedicated to driving rule-breakers out of the sport?

Rogers had not called the press conference to be evasive. There was nothing for him to hide. He was proud of his accomplishment and was more than willing to talk about it.

"First off, I'd like to thank you all for coming," said the former NWA and WWF heavy-weight champion with un-

# PATERA TURNED INTO A BAD GUY!





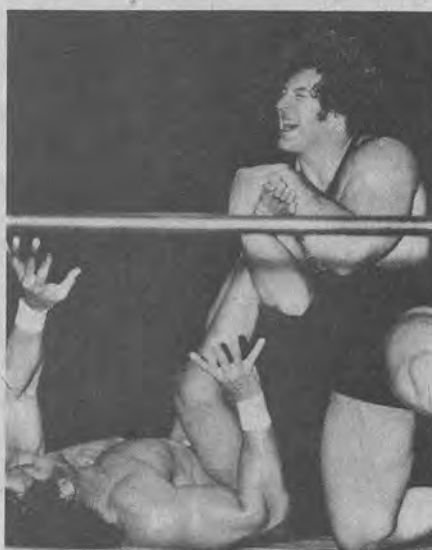
characteristic graciousness. "I know you are all looking for your banner story so I will do my best to explain the situation. Jimmy Snuka, is now under contract to Nature Boy Associates and will be under my personal management for some time to come."

"How did you get him, Mr. Rogers," screamed a female reporter.

"Patience, my dear," Rogers responded, "I'll tell you the whole story.

"I've had my eye on Snuka for some time now," he said. "And what I saw was an extremely talented wrestler who, except for a lack of aggressiveness, had a chance to go to the top. I had my secretary write a letter with my observations, offering my services as manager. I received no reply. Persistence made me a great wrestler, however, and persistence will make me a great manager. We wrote letter after letter but never got a response. My

Patera pummels Snuka with his right hand (above) and twists his right leg (below). All the while, he spoke to Snuka about the virtues of rulebreaking.



next move was after Snuka wrestled against Ken Patera. I knew Ken would be particularly rough on him—show him the correct way to wrestle, the easiest way, the luckiest route to the top of the ladder. I knew Ken would show Jimmy the glory of being a rulebreaker."

The door to Rogers' office

swung open and in walked Snuka. Rogers rose and greeted him with a handshake. "Ladies and gentlemen of the press," he bellowed, "introducing the next heavy-weight champion of the world, The New Jimmy Snuka."

The manager applauded, but nobody followed. Rogers was obviously upset. "Did you people hear what I said? This is the man of the hour, the wrestler of the decade, the future champion of the world."

No response. "Very well," he said, "you will all see . . . Go ahead and fire some questions at him."

The reporters were no longer so eager. The story Rogers was in the process of telling had affected their mood. It was a simple story of an intelligent man choosing evil over good—not the most pleasant topic to deal with. Finally, a reporter broke the silence. His question was simple but blunt. "Why Jimmy?"

"Because I've had it!" Snuka shouted. "I'm damn sick of empty promises of title shots. I'm damn sick of being taken advantage of. I'm damn sick of being the wrestler with the potential to be champion but no contract for the championship bout. I've been thinking about doing this for a long time. Mr. Rogers made it a reality. He made me think and think again. Every letter had its affect. But the match against Ken pushed me over the edge. I did more thinking about my career in that match than I did about my opponent. And by the time it was over my mind was made up."

The reporters got up to leave. They had their story. There was no point in questioning Snuka further. His mind was in fact made up. And Rogers grinned. □

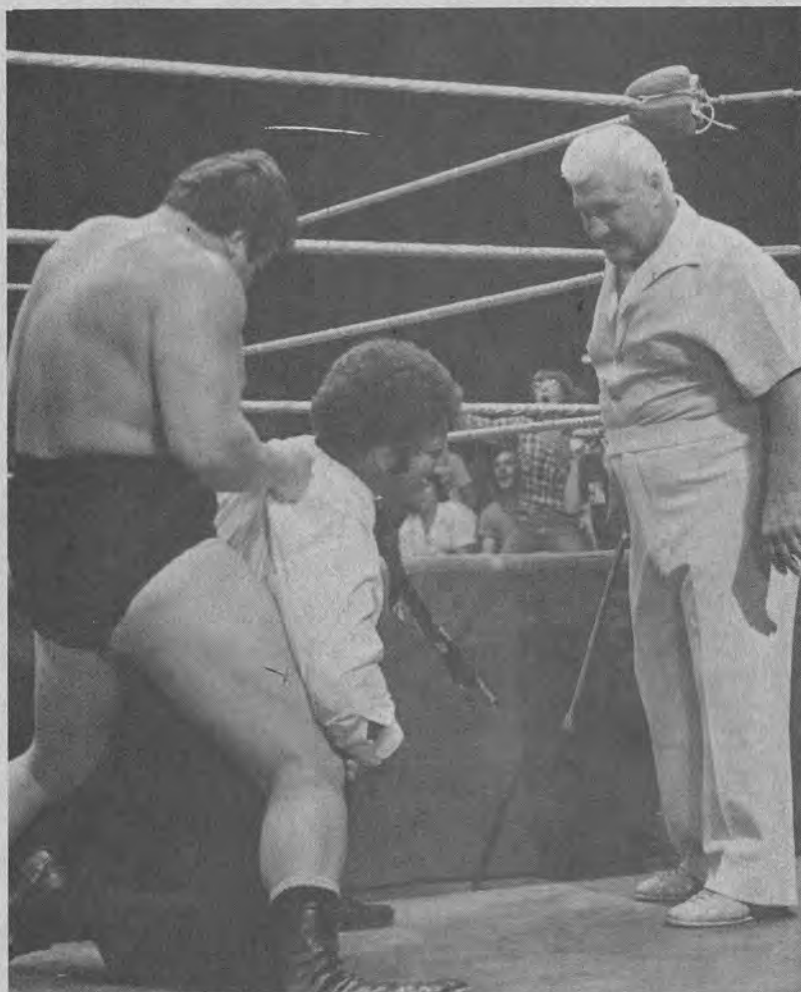
# INSIDE WRESTLING

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## CAPSULE PROFILE

NIKOLAI VOLKOFF

**B**EST KNOWN FOR his magnificent build and awesome strength (*"Shovel snow in front of Kremlin 10 years"*) . . . Spent five years in Siberia before being brought to America by his current manager, Freddie Blassie (*"Will not discuss motherland with American dogs"*) . . . Has bench pressed 545 pounds and can crush an apple with one hand (*"Rather crush heads"*) . . . Handles most wrestlers as if they were rag dolls. Most will not wrestle him a second time for the same purse as the first . . . Has feud with former WWF champion Bruno Sammartino stemming from his unprovoked attack on Bruno during a television interview (*"Hate Bruno. Crush him like grape"*) . . . Dislikes Americans (*"If Dusty Rhodes American Dream, I hate Americans"*) . . . Has averaged under five minutes for his last hundred matches while winning 97 percent of the time (*"Make same money*



Nikolai Volkoff attacks Bruno Sammartino during a television interview as Fred Blassie gleefully looks on (above). Volkoff crushes an apple in his huge right hand (below). The apple cannot fight back, but Bruno could be a different story.



*if wrestle five minutes or 15 minutes. Why waste time?"*) . . . His agility in the ring allows him to do things men 100 pounds lighter could not . . . Has a size 18 shoe and has stomped many an opponent into unconsciousness . . . Eyes are set on Bob Backlund's WWF belt (*"Fred said I wait a while and win the belt. When I win, I take it back to Siberia and join family"*). □



## CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP

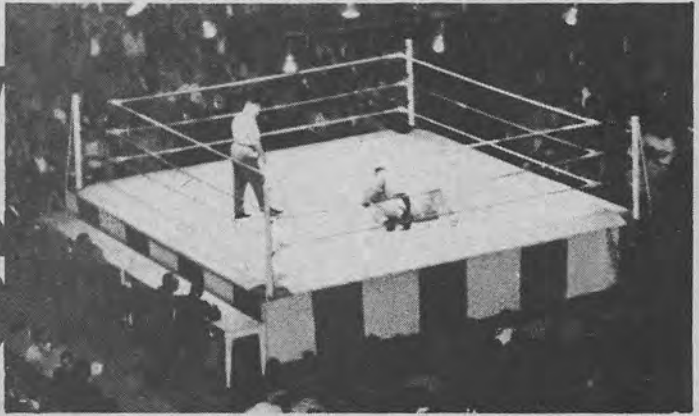


**FRED BLASSIE & NIKOLAI VOLKOFF**

SEND LETTERS TO:

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## CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

I've been reading your magazine for many years. I have had no complaints *except* for one thing. All the times I've read your magazine, I've seen only about two or three stories on Steve Keirn. Nobody said anything when Steve won the Florida heavyweight championship or the Brass Knuckles title. But when Jim Garvin won the Florida title, he jumped up in the ratings.

I write this letter for Steve Keirn because he is my favorite wrestler and one of the best wrestlers in Florida. Otherwise, **INSIDE WRESTLING** is great.

CHRIS HARRIS  
Annandale, N.Y.

## GREAT MEN?

Why does everyone put down great men like Superstar Graham, Ivan Koloff, Ken Patera, and Greg Valentine? These men are what wrestling's all about. They mean so much to the sport and fans don't realize it. Without them, there would be no wrestling. No big feuds. Fans would have to see men like Backlund and Mascaras roll around on the mat every night. Eventually, no one

would show up to see Dusty Rhodes even, and that's bad!

I'm not saying I wouldn't go to see Rhodes against Mascaras, once, but night after night, week after week, month after month, I'd get bored.

JANELLE SCHERBIK  
Trenton, N.J.



Reader Chris Harris feels Steve Keirn (above) is not getting his due recognition and Dave Bowers feels Harley Race (below) should be eliminated from our "Most Hated" list.



## OMIT HARLEY

I have been studying the "Most Hated" list in your magazine and I feel the name of Harley Race should be omitted. Sure, I'd rather see Dusty, Bruiser or Andre as NWA champion, but let's give Race recognition as a man just doing his job. People talk

about Race's ruthless nature. Maybe that's what it takes to be champion.

Others complain about his brawling and self-disqualifications to save his title. I pose this question: What would the top contenders do if *they* were champion? Would they just hand over the belt? I think not. Please remove Race's name so the *real* rulebreakers can be submitted.

DAVE BOWERS  
Lancaster, Ohio

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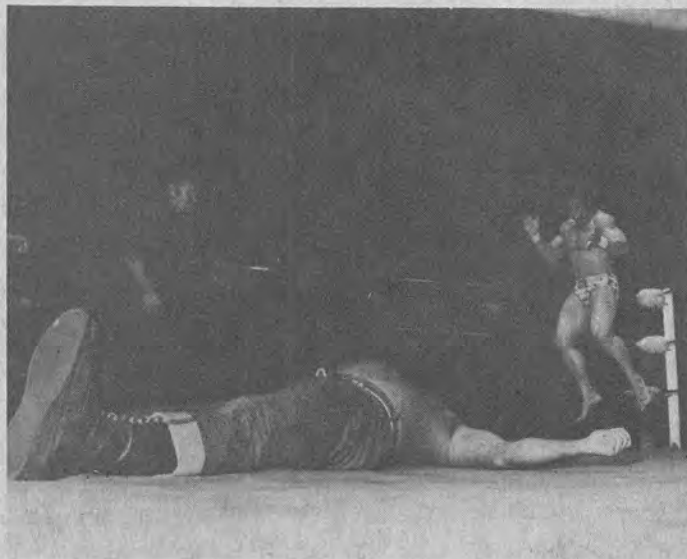




# Matt Brock's **PLAIN SPEAKING**

**CHARLOTTE:** Scoop of the Year! Buddy Rogers has turned manager in the Mid-Atlantic area. His first act was a predictably disgusting one. Consistent with Rogers' egocentric view that every young wrestler should follow his path and turn upon his peers and fans, Rogers talked Jimmy Snuka into going rulebreaker. Rogers explained to Snuka how much more money he'd get. Titles. Fame. Riches. The glory of evil seduced Snuka and lured him down this ragged path. Rogers is happy. Another young man warped. More youthful flesh despoiled. Whether Snuka comes to his senses is arguable. What matters is Rogers sickening attempt. Speaking of sickening, saw an old wino eating souvlaki with ketchup in a local restaurant. Was about to retch until I recognized the guy as an old college chum. Some make it. Some don't. I was one of the lucky ones. Only use ketchup on fries and burgers.

**LOS ANGELES:** Sitting on a bus watching the palm trees go by. Eyes started closing. Must have gotten in around four. Blondes and bourbon do that. Open one bloodshot eye and see . . . Quickly close it. Opened it again. Slowly. Then the left one. Sure enough, it was Him. George "The Animal" Steele was in Los Angeles. On a bus. Gnawing on a cushion and humming "My Blue Heaven." Rumors about a big L.A. change brought me out to the West Coast. Allegedly, Steele was involved. Few others. So I'm watching this maniac munching on a cushion. Couple of broads scream and run away. Steele looks up, grunts and tries to whistle the theme from "Exodus." Nearly chokes on the stuffing. Bus stops, Steele leaps over the seat and flings himself out the door. Last I saw he was chasing an alley cat with a rubber chicken. I gotta go on the wagon. He's gotta be put away.



**JIMMY SNUKA**



**GEORGE "THE ANIMAL" STEELE**

**Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor**



**BILL DUNDEE & JERRY LAWLER**



**TOMMY RICH**

**ATLANTA:** Yes, it would've made sense if I'd flown from Charlotte down to Atlanta and *then* out to Los Angeles. It's a crazy business. Got a tip and had to act on it. So here I am. Big story is the ordeal of Tommy Rich. Since Rich won the Future Champion's Trophy, every rulebreaker and his brother have been after Rich. Number one target. They figure if you beat Rich, you earn a big rep, bigger dough and a title shot. Others want to hurt Rich for the hell of it. Got names for men like that. Magazine read by kids isn't the place. Rich told me he was stunned by the ferocity of the assault. Didn't expect the viciousness which greeted his winning the award. At one point, Rich realized he had to turn the hordes back or give it up. At this writing, Rich is demonstrating why he won the bloody award in the first place.

**MEMPHIS:** Received a helluva blast from a wrestler who feels the press is short-shrifting him. One time I stayed in a hotel that short-shrifted sheets and I woke up thinking I was Sky Low Low. Back to this disgruntled grappler. Name is Bill Dundee. Exponent of aerial maneuvers. Tough, honest, hard-working. Teams with Jerry Lawler. His accomplishments deserve mention, but not here. I deal in emotions. Dundee has an awful lot. He claims the press ignores him. Contends he's overlooked, caught on a geographic pincer between Florida wrestlers on the east and Texas brawlers on the west. Throw in Bockwinkel up north and Backlund off to the side. Dundee says Memphis wrestlers aren't getting the publicity they deserve. Could be. After watching some matches, I'm convinced of the high quality. Oh, drove up to Kentucky and passed mucho distilleries. Smell like burnt Cheerios. Thought I saw the President eating a Whopper without onions. Must be the air. □



# ONE ON



*(Jimmy Snuka—Rulebreaker. This shocking announcement appalled many in the Mid-Atlantic area. Egged on by veteran Buddy Rogers, Snuka sneered at scientific wrestling and trotted down the perilous path of rulebreaking. While reaction has ranged from shock to dismay, no one has demonstrated quite the pained anger like Wahoo McDaniel. McDaniel sees himself as the veteran advisor to many young scientific wrestlers in the Mid-Atlantic area. He advises them. He trusts them. One was Jimmy Snuka. That trust is gone. Replaced by hatred. From his home in Georgia, McDaniel confronts Virginia-based Snuka.)*



Picturephones  
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#### WAHOO McDANIEL:

Well, nice of you to talk to me, Snuka. Maybe you'll find some sense before the day is out.

#### JIMMY SNUKA:

Not from you. The little sense you got, you better hold onto. Else you'll float into the rafters.

**Every month the telephone wires will crackle as two top grapplers rage and argue. We'll print the unedited transcript of their conversations, giving the fans a privileged glimpse at wrestlers which can be found nowhere else**

# NONE



Simulated photos

**WM:** Ah, I see you've picked up the filthy language from your lousy friends.

**JS:** My lousy friends have turned my career around.

**WM:** Ken Patera and Buddy Rogers?

**JS:** They've knocked some sense into me.

**WM:** Oh, yeah, for now. They're using you.

**JS:** Get out, McDaniel.

**WM:** They'll make me champion. Champion? A real champion is a free man. With those kind around your neck, you can never be free. They'll suck you dry with their empty promises. What has he done for you?

**JS:** He has given me new life. When Ken approached me after a brutal bout, he



offered me friendship. Ken told me I could be champ. He said I had as much natural ability as anyone. But I was too nice.

**WM:** Uh-huh.

**JS:** Then Buddy came by and offered to be my manager. He told me he doesn't manage just anyone, only guys he knows can go straight to the top.

**WM:** That all?

**JS:** Yup. Me and Buddy are going to win the belt.

**WM:** You are naive. I feel sorry for you, uh, you don't see what they're doing? With you breaking rules and under Rogers' thumb, that clears the way for Patera to attack every decent man around.

**JS:** Like you?

**WM:** Like me and every other guy who wrestles honestly

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# IS IVAN PUTSKI MORE P THAN BOB BACKLUND?

**Y**OUNG SUPPLE ARMS thrust outward to receive the shouts and love of the fans. He trots around the ring, showers of adoration pulsing over the handsome face. His name is Bob Backlund. He is number one this month in the fan-sponsored Most Popular Ratings.

There is another. He is also muscular, also loved by the WWF

fans. His name is Ivan Putski. He is *not* champion. But he is number one also. Tied with Backlund.

*Who* is more popular, Ivan Putski or Bob Backlund?

Perhaps fans are curious exactly how our ratings are compiled each month. For both Most Popular and Most Hated, we rely primarily on the amount of mail that each wrestler receives.

Never have two wrestlers been tied in the ratings. The odds of both men receiving the same amount of favorable mail are astronomical. Especially when both are so popular.

Still, it happened. Now we ask the fans to break this extraordinary deadlock. Only fans may undo what fans have done.

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**Both men are popular. Indeed, beloved. Bob Backlund and Ivan Putski. Fans are unable to choose the more popular. It is a difficult, controversial choice. Still, it is one we feel the fans must make**



# POPULAR

Left: Ivan Putski proudly displays a T-shirt given to him by his fans. Inset: Ivan does his best to sign as many autographs as possible. Right: Bob Backlund acknowledges the cheers of his fans after a title defense. Inset: Bob is sought after by his young autograph-seekers. Who is more popular? It's your decision.



## ***Special Fan Ballot***

**Who Is More Popular?**

*(Check One)*

☐ **BOB BACKLUND**

☐ **IVAN PUTSKI**

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# INSIDE WRESTLING'S

# OFFICIAL RATINGS

These Ratings Are Compiled With The Assistance Of Top Wrestlers, Promoters, And Reporters. They Are Universally Accepted As Official

## World Wrestling Federation



Champion:  
BOB BACKLUND



1—PAT PATTERSON

## American Wrestling Association

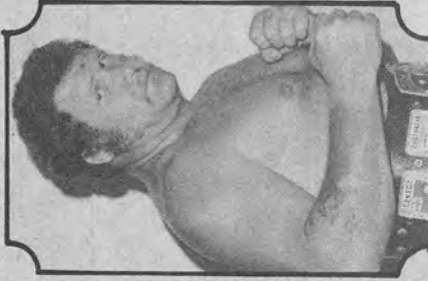


Champion:  
NICK BOCKWINKEL



1—GREG GAGNE

## National Wrestling Alliance

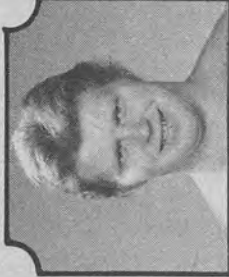


Champion:  
HARLEY RACE



1—DUSTY RHODES

## Most Popular Wrestlers



1—BOB BACKLUND  
& IVAN PUTSKI  
(TIE)



3—DUSTY RHODES

## Most Hated Wrestlers



1—JIMMY SNUKA



2—GREG  
VALENTINE

## Tag Teams



1—THE VALIANT  
BROTHERS





2—GREG  
VALENTINE



3—NIKOLAI  
VOLKOFF



4—IVAN PUTSKI

- 5—CHIEF JAY  
STRONGBOW  
6—TED DiBIASE  
7—HUSSEIN ARAB  
8—SWEDE HANSON  
9—BULLDOG  
BROWER  
10—TONY ATLAS



2—BILLY  
ROBINSON



3—VERNE GAGNE



4—MAD DOG  
VACHON

- 5—SUPER  
DESTROYER II  
6—BILL DUNDEE  
7—JERRY LAWLER  
8—JESS VENTURA  
9—BOBBY DUNCUM  
10—STEVE  
OLSONOWSKI



2—RIC FLAIR



3—MASKED  
SUPERSTAR



4—KEN PATERA

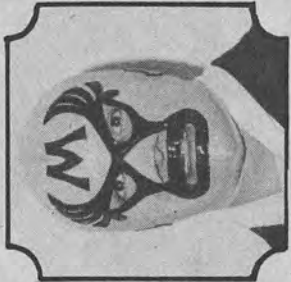
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II  
6—THE SPOILER  
7—WAHOO  
McDANIEL  
8—BRUISER  
9—JACK BRISCO  
10—RICK  
STEAMBOAT



4—ANDRE  
THE GIANT



5—MR. WRESTLING II



6—MIL MASCARAS

- 7—WAHOO  
McDANIEL  
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3—PAUL JONES



4—MASKED  
SUPERSTAR

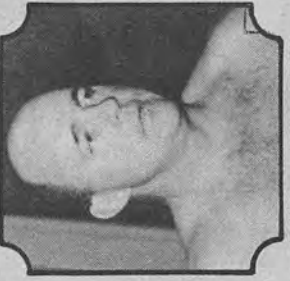


5—PAT  
PATTERSON

- 6—KEN PATERA  
7—KING CURTIS  
8—EDDY  
MANSFIELD  
9—JERRY LAWLER  
10—JIM VALIANT



2—PAUL JONES &  
BARON VON RASCHKE



3—VERNE GAGNE &  
MAD DOG VACHON



4—TOMMY RICH &  
STAN HANSEN

5—KEN PATERA &  
JOHN STUDD

6—OLE ANDERSON  
& IVAN KOLOFF

7—STEVE KEIRN &  
JIM GARVIN

8—BRUISER BRODIE  
& KERRY VON ERICH

9—BUGSY McGRAW  
& THOR THE VIKING

10—MARK LEWIN &  
THE SPOILER



**HARLEY  
RACE—**

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**THE  
HAUNTING  
PRESENCE  
IN DAVID  
VON ERICH'S  
LIFE**



**Years before, David Von Erich had seen his father toppled in a brutal bloodbath with Harley Race. David nearly didn't survive the bitter experience. But the kindness of a stranger and the support of his father enabled David to exact his fearsome vengeance on Race**

**D**AVID VON ERICH remembers it well. About 10 years ago, David was watching his father, Fritz, wrestle Harley Race. It would be years before David could recall that night without nausea. It would take long hours of difficult soul-searching before David could think of Harley Race without quivering painfully.

Many years. David went through hell. He'd never seen his father whipped like that. His father was his idol. That night he was a fallen idol. Bloodied. Broken. Remnants scattered about the dressing room. Race did that. David saw it. Remembered it. Like a scar burnt deep onto his soul.

For months, David could not talk about wrestling. He withdrew into a shell. He went for days without speaking. Every so often he'd shake his head or whistle a tune. Then silence would drape across the young face.

Fritz was deeply concerned. He'd always worried that his controversial career would adversely affect his sons, David, Kevin, and Kerry. For every successful offspring of a star, there was one who swallowed a bottle of pills or draped a rope around his or her neck. It was tough being the child of a star.

So Fritz carefully watched David. He waited out the days and sweated out the weeks. When they'd turned into months, Fritz knew he had to do something. Something decisive. Hopefully positive.

But he placed little faith in psychiatry. To Fritz, psychiatrists were nothing more than over-educated witch doctors incapable of anything constructive. He didn't want to subject David to the

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David Von Erich stomps Harley Race in the corner (above) and brings him to the mat with a flying headlock (below). The champion did not expect the onslaught.





# NEWS FROM THE

If you would like your area of the country represented in these reports, while also being officially credited with your own by-line, send us reports of the matches you attend. You will have the thrill of seeing your name in an internationally known magazine while at the same time helping to improve the quality of wrestling in your area. So why not give it a try? You will be glad you did!

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## COLUMBUS, GA.

By Kim Lamberth



**MASKED SUPERSTAR**  
vs.  
**WAHOO McDANIEL**



Fans were shocked by a stunning surprise. Masked Superstar pulled off the upset of the year by toppling Chief Wahoo McDaniel to win the Georgia heavyweight championship. Several times, it seemed McDaniel would turn the tide of battle and retain his belt. But Superstar's vile, unrelenting tactics wore down Wahoo and enabled the masked maniac to claim victory, and the coveted title.

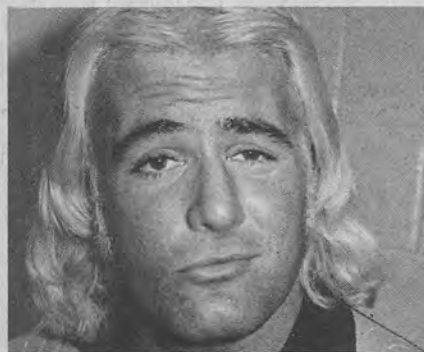
**OTHER BOUTS:** Tommy Rich won a bloody Texas death match over Ole Anderson . . . Stan Hansen withstood senseless brutality to whip Ivan Koloff . . . Aided by manager Bobby Heenan, Killer Karl Kox bested Armstrong.

## EVANSVILLE, IND.

By Tina Hellmeyer



**JERRY LAWLER**  
vs.  
**AUSTIN IDOL**



Evansville was the latest hot spot selected for the heated feud of Jerry Lawler and Austin Idol to boil in. Both men attacked right from the opening bell, disdaining cleverness for outright brutality. Lawler showed why he's considered the "King of Memphis." After Jerry delivered a super suplex, it was all over for Idol.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Mike Stallings beat Tommy Gilbert . . . Robert Fuller and Bill Dundee topped The Assassins . . . Prof. Tanaka and The Stomper couldn't stop Tony Charles and Jim Golden.

## ORLANDO, FLA.

By Connie Alexander



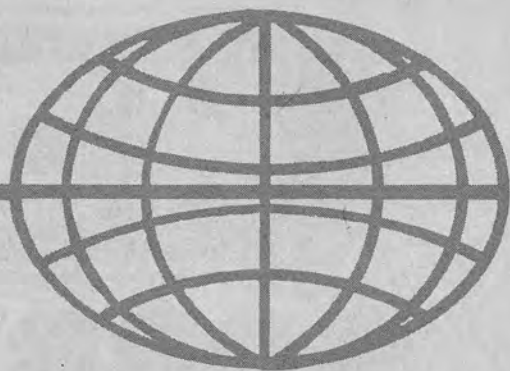
**DUSTY RHODES**  
vs.  
**KING CURTIS**



In one of his first Florida heavyweight title defenses, Dusty Rhodes was brilliant! His opponent was King Curtis. The match was a wild one! Rhodes weaved imaginative maneuvers and some old-fashioned toughness as he beat Curtis black and blue. But Curtis came back. He brought a foreign object into the ring and was disqualified.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Sweet Brown Sugar halted Killer Kahn . . . Sonny King, Don Muraco, and Jos Leduc stomped Steve Keirn, Jim Garvin, and Buzz Sawyer. Buggy McGraw and Thor the Viking stopped Jack and Jerry Brisco.

# WRESTLING CAPITALS



## GLEN FALLS, N.Y.

By Kathy Bruso



**BOB BACKLUND**  
vs.  
**BULLDOG BROWER**

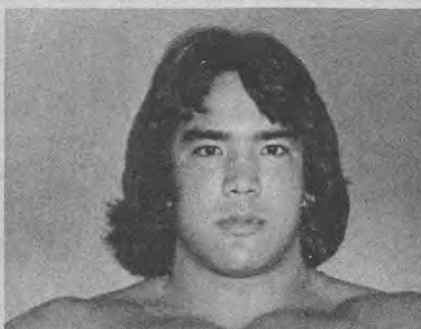


This had to be one of Bob Backlund's hardest WWF title matches. Bulldog Brower responded neatly to each and every one of Backlund's moves. Brower threw in a few of his own, none of them legal or normal. For a while, Brower had the advantage. Suddenly, Backlund found more strength and pulverized Brower with the atomic kneedrop.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Ivan Putski bombed Greg Valentine . . . Tito Santana crushed Johnny Rodz . . . Jay Strongbow and Jim Valiant battled to a draw . . . Hussein Arab baffled Dominic DeNucci.

## LYNCHBURG, VA.

By Ricky Short



**RICK STEAMBOAT**  
vs.  
**ERNIE LADD**

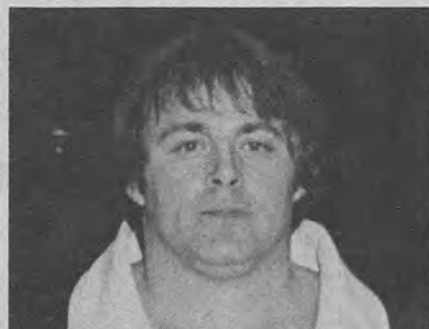


Rick Steamboat had a chance to answer some of Ernie Ladd's ugly remarks when Rick put his Mid-Atlantic TV title on the line in a recent bout. After a while, Ladd saw that his moves wouldn't get very far against Steamboat. With no choice, Ladd started using illegal tricks and got disqualified. That didn't stop him. Though Rick won, Ladd tried to grab the belt from him after the match.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Blackjack Mulligan crumbled John Studd . . . Pedro Morales overwhelmed Frank Monte . . . Cocoa Somoa and Leo Burke outwrestled the team of Swede Hansen and The Scorpion.

## KNOXVILLE, TENN.

By Tim Hart



**KEVIN SULLIVAN**  
vs.  
**MONGOLIAN STOMPER**



Kevin Sullivan engaged in a bloody brawl with the Mongolian Stomper. Stomper controlled most of this sensational bout with his infamous kicks and punches. Soon Sullivan unleashed a fistic assault which stunned the Stomper. However, Sullivan was disqualified for shoving the referee.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Lord Jonathan Boyd decisioned Dick Slater . . . Ron and Robert Fuller stopped Mr. Fuji and Toru Tanaka.



# HOTSEAT

## BOBBY HEENAN: "WARNING TO WRESTLING-- I'M TURNING MY KILLERS LOOSE!"

*HE IS ONE of the most renowned and successful managers in the business, yet he is having trouble laying a permanent foundation for himself. He guided Nick Bockwinkel to the AWA title before being banned from the area for punching association president Stanley Blackburn. Now he is establishing himself in the South with Killer Kox, Blackjack Lanza, and the Masked Superstar already in his stable. In a short time he has made as many enemies as friends. He is one of the most hated managers in history. He is Bobby Heenan.*

### INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY STU SAKS

**Q:** Bobby . . .

**A:** Before you start, two things: one, I'm a busy man. I've got important things to do, wrestlers to sign, so don't make this too long. And two, it's Mr. Heenan to you.

**Q:** Fine. Mr. Heenan, how would you assess your progress as a manager since your departure from the AWA?

**A:** As soon as the word got

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**I'm very selective about who works for me . . . I check out every wrestler eventually and evaluate his potential.**

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around that I was coming to this area, the most incredible things happened. One wrestler posed as the bellhop in the hotel I was staying at just to talk to me. Others came right out and begged me to take them on as clients. They all want Heenan, but I don't

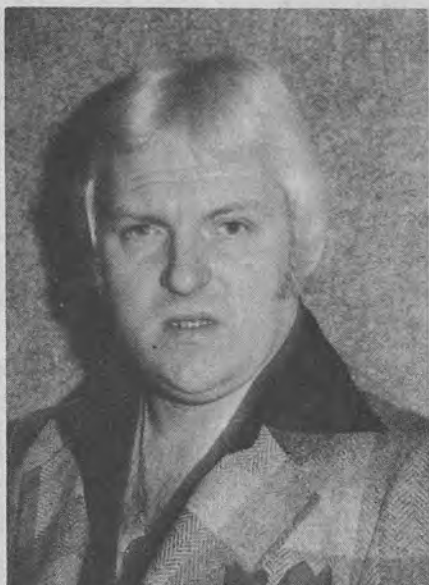
want all of them. I'm very selective about who works for me. I'm not trying to be a hero. I'm not going to try to make some poor slob into the champion of the world. I check out every wrestler eventually and evaluate his potential—not only their talent potential, but most importantly, their potential to listen to me, to take orders from somebody who knows best.

**Q:** You were banned from the AWA for hitting its president. Is the banning permanent?

**A:** I don't care if it's permanent or not. I wouldn't go back to that wasteland for all the tobacco in Cuba. Too restrictive. When a manager can't sit at ringside to advice his wrestler, what's his use? Matchmaker? Hell no. I never interfere in a match, so there was absolutely no reason for the ruling.







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**Nick [Bockwinkel] wanted to leave the area. He was willing to leave his belt behind and make the move with me ... But I had to say no.**

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**Q:** But is that ample cause to hit the President?

**A:** The bum Blackburn deserved a lot more, and I don't like this line of questioning.

**Q:** When you left the AWA, you also left behind Nick Bockwinkel, the AWA heavy-weight champion. Any regrets?

**A:** I made Nick Bockwinkel what he is today. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication from both the wrestler and manager to make a champion. Any regrets? Some. But did Getty ever lose money on an investment? Many times for sure. But when he died, was he not the richest man in the world. Damn straight!

**Q:** Did he ever consider coming south with you?

**A:** He suggested that, as a matter of fact. After the incident,



Above: Bobby Heenan is in shock after receiving a 30-stitch wound. Bobby prefers managing to wrestling. Below: Heenan studies films taken of potential clients as he tries to build a new stable of wrestlers.



Nick wanted to leave the area. He was willing to leave his belt behind and make the move with me. I don't remember ever being so touched. But I had to say no. Too much to lose. We still talk to each other on the phone two or three times a week to discuss strategy for his matches. He misses that on-the-spot advising, but there's nothing I can do.

**Q:** Nothing but try to make new champions.

**A:** Hey, your not as dumb as everybody says you are.

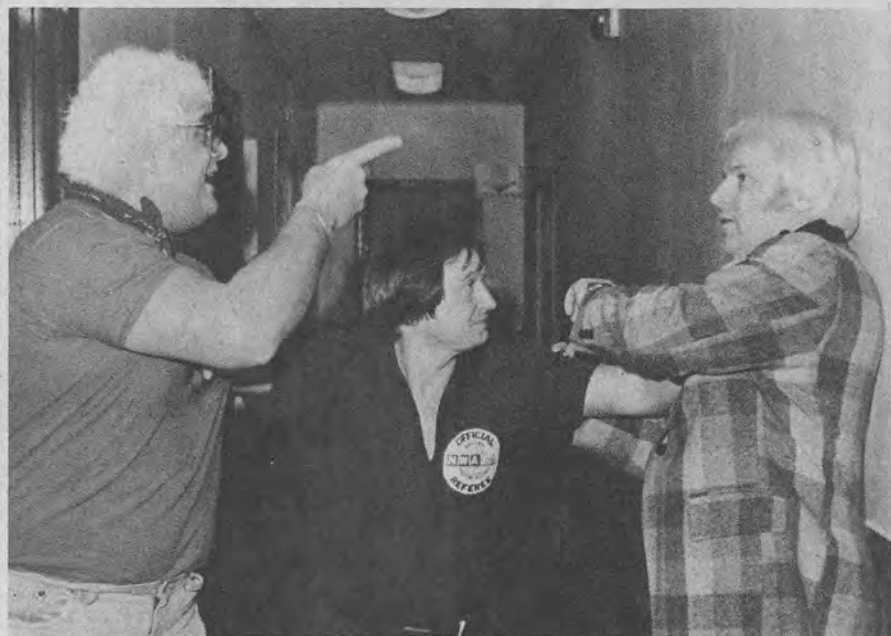
**Q:** I guess you should be congratulated for the Masked Superstar's victory over Wahoo McDaniel.

**A:** The Georgia championship is merely a beginning. That's one title for one of my men. There are other titles and I will not be content until all those titles belong to my men.

**Q:** But you have to admit, there is a lot standing in your path. There's a lot of excellent



Above: Bobby Heenan is interviewed by Gordon Solie as Blackjack Lanza, Masked Superstar, and a bizarre Killer Karl Kox look on. "Don't worry," Heenan says, "Kox will hit his opponents with everything but the kitchen sink. Below: Heenan is separated from Dusty Rhodes in the dressing room.



wrestlers in the area and you have not signed too many.

**A:** You know, it's a lucky thing for you that I don't lose my temper, because that might be one of the least intelligent comments I've heard in quite some time. Even without me, my men totally outclass these little wimps. Wahoo—it sounds like an allergy re-

action—Tommy Rich, Mr. Wrestling II? With me in their corner, oh, I shudder to think!

**Q:** You seem to be forgetting somebody.

**A:** I've forgotten a lot more than you'll ever know . . . Who?

**Q:** Stan Hansen.

**A:** Please!

**Q:** You mean to say, you don't think he's a worthy opponent?



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Hansen begged me to manage him and I told him that I would let him know when I found out more about him. That drove him over the edge.

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**A:** Stop putting words in my mouth. I simply don't think he's a worthy opponent. I don't trust the man and I use the word "man" very loosely. Oh, I might as well tell you. He was that bellhop. He begged me to manage him and I told him that I would let him know when I found out more about him. That drove him over the edge. He completely flipped. And now look at him. Look who he associates with. Why, he's even afraid to use the lariat. He's a changed man—and I use the term loosely.

**Q:** And Dusty Rhodes?

**A:** I've got a special plan worked out for the fat whale.

**Q:** Could you elaborate, Bobby?

**A:** The name is Mr. Heenan. And your interview is over. □



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# BEHIND THE DOOR

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John Studd and Ken Patera have sent a letter to the publisher of INSIDE WRESTLING condemning the appointment of Stu Saks as the writer of "Behind the Dressing Room Door."

himself, no matter who he hurt. Randy used his journalistic expertise to try to protect what good men are left in wrestling. But Dan did everything he could to boost the rulebreakers.

They hated each other. But until recently, the feud did not reach print. Finally, Editor-in-Chief Peter King succumbed to great pressure and allowed the writers the freedom to use each other's names in their columns.

Shocket went wild. His shoddy journalistic practice was destroying a fellow writer. Randy's background would not allow him to do the same. So one afternoon, we found a note on his typewriter. It said, "Shocket wins. I can't take it anymore. Goodbye."

Randy never returned to the office. And now everybody knows why. My telephone conversation with him was his

only contact with anybody here since his resignation.

Working for this magazine has always been a dream of mine, but I would rather have joined the staff under different circumstances. Everybody on the magazine (that is, except for Shocket) loved Randy, but they still tried to make me feel as welcome as possible—well, all except for Shocket.

My first days here, he pulled me aside and told me what he had done to Randy and that I would be next if I didn't use my column to support his way of thinking. I was shaken. In my six years as a sportswriter, I have always been free to report the truth. I believe in the Constitution and the rights it grants me as a journalist by the First Amendment. I gathered enough courage to tell the veteran writer, in no uncertain terms, to stick it in his ear. He has not spoken to me since. I have seen him talking about me to the other writers, but they pay no attention. Peter King has warned Dan about harassing me.

I am unafraid. A scared journalist is no journalist at all. I know what my job is and I will do it. Trust me, Randy, our column is safe.

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After a week on the magazine, I attended my first wrestling match as a member of the working press. All of Randy's friends—Bob Backlund, Bruno Sammartino, Chief Jay Strongbow, etc.—were very nice to me and asked about Randy. They expressed sorrow that he was gone but assured me their full cooperation. Fred Blassie, Lou Albano, and the Grand Wizard sat with Dan across the locker room and had a champagne toast.

Their haunting laughter filled the room. □

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## ON THE ROAD

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Harley Race rolls Dick Murdoch to the mat. Harley says he has not looked good in recent matches because he is being dragged down to the level of his opponents.

Not this time. Race was dragging near the end. The exhilaration he felt in past wars was gone from his eyes. Instead of sparkling jubilation, those dark almonds hung dazedly.

"Tired, just a little tired," champion's early recourse to rulebreaking. Or toughing it out, as Race would say.

"I react and act according to what I want to do," Harley snapped.

But Race did seem to weary as the match went on, leading to the second part of this trilogy-in-descent. Wahoo McDaniel was his next opponent.

If a Rhodes-Race match is a brawl, then a Race-McDaniel qualifies as a full-fledged war. Used to be that Harley thrived on long, extended battles. The more sweat that cascaded across his muscled body, the happier he seemed to be. In fact, time limit draws are a Race specialty. Sometimes a quick breather would seem to give Race new life and he'd be ready to climb back into the ring.

Harley said.

Opponent number three. Jack Brisco. A man of class. A man of moves. A former NWA champion. A man Race respects and loves to wrestle. Some of Florida's greatest bouts concerned these two.

Yet their recent bout contained little of the brilliance which had illuminated earlier bouts. Where Brisco delivered precision maneuvers, Race was lethargic. Though the match ended in Race's disqualification, many observers felt Brisco would have won the match. And the title.

Race says he has never felt better. Says he's never been sharper. Says his opponents make him look bad because *they're* bad. Says everyone has an off-night.

What Race ignores is the fragility of his position. A contender can have an off-night, lose a match and maybe suffer a drop in the ratings. Two notches. A champion is not accorded such a luxury.



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Thrown from the ring, Race just barely beat the count getting back in. The NWA champ appears to be lethargic.

easier than most. If it is a slump.

"I'm better than I've ever been," Race snarls. "And no one is goin' to get my belt without an awful fight."

That's conceded. A man like Harley Race would not go easily. But pressure can erode skills and determination. The constant brutal assault, night after night, must take its toll. It has nothing to do with Race's talents. They are considerable. But it happens to all the greats. Bruno. Verne. Buddy.

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## THE INSIDER

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Who is that masked man? Well, we've ruled out one possibility. Sweet Brown Sugar (left) is definitely not Flip Wilson (right). Besides, how could Sugar do a dropkick with a dress on?

### RUMOR VS. FACT

**RUMOR:** Sweet Brown Sugar, the sensational masked Florida scientific star, is actually comedian Flip Wilson! Bored with the grueling routine of Hollywood, Wilson has taken up wrestling to stay in shape. "What a marvelous challenge

this is," Wilson is reported to have said.

**FACT:** Sweet Brown Sugar is *not* Flip Wilson.

The rumor, believed to have been started by Sonny King, has been properly laid to rest. Sorry, Flip. The devil made me do it.

**RUMOR:** AWA champion Nick Bockwinkel is ready to resign! The long-time title-holder has heard that the infamous Sheik may invade the AWA in mid-1980. Petrified of the Arab rulebreaker, Bockwinkel will not face him in the squared circle.

**FACT:** This story has been spreading quickly throughout the AWA. As far as I can tell, it may be true or it may be propaganda started by the Sheik.

"The day Nick Bockwinkel is scared of anybody is the day he hangs it all up and leaves for the great squared circle in the sky, daddy," the AWA king pointed out.

## INJURY REPORT

VERNE GAGNE is having trouble shaking a late summer flu. "The summer cold is a different animal," the popular veteran said. Gagne has been



Verne Gagne is suffering the affects of the flu. It has not kept him out of action, however.

carrying tissues in his trunks during his recent matches. "It's real embarrassing to have to blow my nose in the middle of a bout, but that's life," Verne said.

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## SINCERELY YOURS

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### IN DEFENSE OF DICK

Just a word in defense of Dick Slater. It seems somebody needs to speak out. Slater may be a tough guy, but he is certainly not the wicked monster some so-called journalists make him out to be. Definitely not in comparison to the likes of Sonny King and Ric Flair.

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# ONE ON ONE

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and doesn't want to break legs or pull other ugly stunts. You coulda been something, Snuka. You coulda been a champ. Think of that when you're twisting someone's leg and hearing him scream. You think of your supposed friends when the kids boo you. See how long you handle that, Snuka.

**JS:** Wahoo, go to hell.

**WM:** If I do, you'll be there waiting for me.

**JS:** And your promises are good? What the hell are they full of? I know what you're full of. You wouldn't share the spotlight with anyone. All you people are the same. You lead us young guys

on and get what you can from us, then dump us over the side. I've heard what you did with Tommy Rich. Why the hell do you think he moved into a partnership with Hansen. It was cause he hates your guts.

**WM:** Tommy and I are good friends, dammit. Don't go pushing no lies on me. Your head's all twisted up with hate. Rogers has been feeding you a pile of sick lies and you're desperate.

**JS:** Desperate?

**WM:** Only a desperate man would go over to the side of a Ken Patera or Buddy Rogers. You have a lot of talent, Jimmy, and you're . . .



Wahoo McDaniel slams Harley Race to the mat. Wahoo strongly condemns Snuka's move.

**JS:** Don't lay this friendly Jimmy crap on me, McDaniel. I know how you operate. You ran Rich ragged until the dumb bimbo couldn't move anymore and was burnt to a crisp. You stole all of Mr. Wrestling's moves and did the same with II. You only got friends so you can use them. I don't know why I'm even bothering talking to you.

**WM:** Because there might be something good left inside of you. You can't deny you might have something good in there and you're kinda afraid of Rogers.

**JS:** Hah, I have no reason to be afraid of Buddy. He's my friend. □



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gets off scot-free.

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DeNucci attacks Scicluna with a hammer and Scicluna is to blame. That's like a murderer blaming his victim for being around when the murderer wanted to kill him. What can you expect from a man whose only real defense is that he was paid very well for what he did?

Do the scientific wrestlers such as Dominic DeNucci (above) pay off the referees? Dan Shocket thinks so. Men like Baron Scicluna (below) do not pay the refs, Shocket writes, and are at an extreme disadvantage.



Every man has his price. Wrestling referees have a price lower than most.

Still, how can they get away with it? The fans let them. When DeNucci attacked Scicluna with a hammer, most of the fans were delighted. They cheered DeNucci on. In the feeble minds of those fans, DeNucci was a great hero defending the honor of wrestling. With the crowd's approval, DeNucci could have killed Scicluna and the fans would have cheered. No one ever gave wrestling fans credit for thinking straight.

In fact, many scientific wrestlers don't even have to pay the referees, figuring "why pay for what I can get for free?" These guys know the fans will applaud their every move, and no referee

has the guts to buck the fans. It doesn't take long for a referee to see that if he keeps the fans happy, he keeps his job. Helping scientific wrestlers to win keeps the fans happy.

People like Jack Brisco, Verne Gagne, Rick Steamboat, and Wahoo McDaniel have long known this. They pay the referees, but know that's just insurance. As long as the fans keep cheering for them, those bozos will keep on winning. Any loss they suffer is due to their opponent being superb. They win by guile and popular support.

This comes as no surprise to the men who are slandered as rulebreakers. They realize the odds are against them, and their careers are a continual uphill battle, they'll never get the praise they deserve. To men of their stature, that doesn't matter.

To men like Ivan Koloff, Paul Jones, Ric Flair, and Bobby Duncum, all that matters is winning the best way they can. Let the peasants worship whom they may; these men answer to a higher authority—their own self-esteem. That's what makes them battle the odds day after day, week after week, year after year.

Occasionally, the truth is seen, as when DeNucci blatantly violated the rules and nothing happened. When this occurs, a few fans will question, a few will be made to think, and a few will appreciate the rulebreakers. However, most fans will agree with the referees that the scientific wrestlers were allowed to break the rules if that is the "spirit of the match." Doubletalk impresses the simple and foolish.

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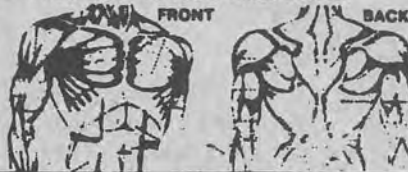
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Georgia's television title.

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KILLER KOX

TONY ATLAS is looking great in his WWF matches. Tony, who relies on his enormous strength to win matches, feels that he is less than a year away from winning a major championship . . . PETER MAIVIA has vanished. Even his manager, FRED BLASSIE, doesn't know his whereabouts . . . LARRY ZBYSZKO and TONY GAREA are doing extra gym workouts, hoping to return to the WWF soon and take the tag team title from THE VALIANT BROTHERS.

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# IVAN PUTSKI

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Typical of the comments we receive every month are those of Lillian Ford of Rye, New York, who wrote: "Only Ivan Putski knows what it takes to turn the fans on. He sure does it to me." Or Earl J. Carter of Teaneck, New Jersey, who told us: "Backlund is definitely the most popular champion in history."

Fans should remember that journalists are mere conduits through which the public passes judgement. We are trained to be impartial. Sometimes we falter and permit our own innate prejudices to influence our articles. Wrestling encourages that. Ever try writing a calm story about Greg Valentine? Very difficult.

But our duty is to inform the fans. We must always be receptive to their wishes. As are Bob Backlund and Ivan Putski.

"Nothing is as important to me as my fans," Putski said. "That's why the Most Popular ratings are the first item I turn to when I open your magazine. I know the fans determine the position of the wrestlers. As much as I respect your writers, the opinion of the fans is most important."

Backlund almost echoes Putski's refrain.

"You can't wrestle without the cheers. I'm always amazed how wrestlers can climb through the ropes and hear fans booing. That just amazes me," Backlund said, shaking his head. "I couldn't do half the things I've done without my fans yelling for me. So if they say I'm number one or number three hundred, well, I have to listen to them and respect their decision."

"And if they say I'm more popular than Putski," Backlund said smilingly, "I guess I have to abide by that decision as well."

This is not an easy one. We're dumping the entire responsibility on you, the public. You are the



Above: Bob Backlund will undoubtedly get the votes of these two New York City street vendors. Below left: This young man is getting an autograph he will cherish for the rest of his life. Below right: Ivan Putski received this plaque from Polish-Americans in Steubenville, Ohio.



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## HARLEY RACE

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David applies the iron claw (above), a hold he learned from his father, Fritz. Harley aims David's head at an iron stanchion (below).



something notable. He saved David Von Erich.

David required only one session. Mr. Hyatt put David under. He didn't bring David back too far. Just to the age of five.

Fritz later recalled that it was at this point where David's rigid idolization of his father began. Loving a father is fine. Respecting and admiring him is terrific. But it must be softened by reality. David never had that sort of flexibility. Thus, when he saw Harley Race beat his father, his esteem of Fritz collapsed, instead of sinking and lowering to reality.

Mr. Hyatt found much pain in young David. Much resentment. Much anxiety. He had to clear it away. He achieved his aims. At least as well as he could. There is no way to undo a scar. All a man like

lengthy, often frustrating pain of therapy.

That left him with two options. Hope that David would emerge from his shell. Or bring David to a hypnotist. Fritz chose the latter.

The man's name was Mr. Hyatt. His first name isn't important. He's dead now. But he accomplished

Mr. Hyatt could do was bandage it and clean away the poisoning emotional wound which ravaged David's soul. But the scar remained.

That scar showed itself in St. Louis. David's foe was Harley Race. Ten years later.

"It's kinda strange how confused I feel about Race," David admitted. "At once, I hate him. But I'm not exactly certain why."



Von Erich hiprolls Race to the mat. David wanted revenge for what Race did to his father 10 years ago and he got it. Fritz was at ringside and enjoyed every moment of it.

Though David's motives may be murky, his actions bespoke an animal clarity. At times stunning the NWA champion, David unleashed assault after assault in a bizarre, ferocious match.

"I've seen him before and it happens that way every single time," David said, shrugging. "I look at him and I go cold all over. Sometimes I start shaking. And, and sounds crazy, but I think of my Dad. Isn't that weird?"

Fritz Von Erich doesn't think it's "weird." He remembers a tormented young boy swiftly slipping away down a chute of anguished horror. He remembers a kind man named Mr. Hyatt who brought his son back to him.

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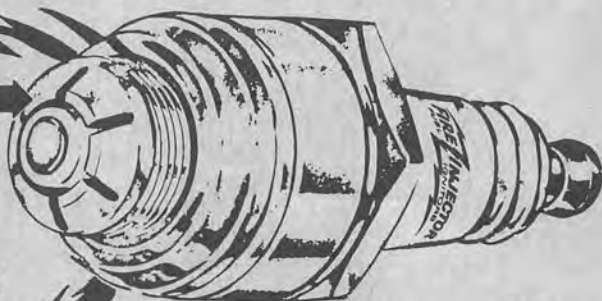
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The money you pay out for new spark plugs every 10,000 miles is the least part of your extra cost. It is the extra gas you pay for, that gives you no power, that's really expensive. As little as one gallon of gas wasted in every tankful, and sloppy car performance in the bargain, is too big a price to pay for poor spark plugs. You can stop this waste with Fuel Ignitors, and never have to put another set of spark plugs in your car.

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Use these remarkable FUEL IGNITORS in your car entirely at our risk. Give them every test you can think of. POWER — ECONOMY — STARTING — SURE-FIRE SMOOTHNESS — PERFORMANCE etc. Now if you are not completely satisfied in every possible way at the end of 30 full days, simply return your FUEL IGNITORS for a FULL and IMMEDIATE REFUND.

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fires between the center electrode and the rim of the shell body.

Having no "nose", a Fuel Ignitor operates extremely cool since its blunt surface does not absorb combustion chamber heat as rapidly as conventional spark plugs.

Fuel Ignitors give excellent pre-ignition and fouling protection as their relatively cold flat noses are more immune to combustion deposits which adhere to warmer running conventional plug insulator noses which stick out into the firing chamber and glow red hot.

### HERE ARE SEVEN VERY GOOD REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE DRIVING WITH FUEL IGNITORS

- 1. FUEL IGNITORS** probably cost no more than you paid for the plugs now in your car, but you can test Fuel Ignitors for a full 30 days and, if you are not satisfied you can get your money back.
- 2. FREE REPLACEMENT**, for as long as you own your car, of any Fuel Ignitor which is not performing to your complete satisfaction.
- 3. SAVES GASOLINE.** New Fuel Ignitors don't misfire. They deliver a full rich spark that fires the fuel/air mixture in every cylinder uniformly and completely.
- 4. QUICK STARTING.** New Fuel Ignitors require less - far less - voltage to fire. Your engine starts quicker.
- 5. MORE POWER.** New Fuel Ignitors restore horsepower immediately. Tests show as much as 24%.
- 6. FASTER ACCELERATION.** Sudden acceleration increases voltage requirements

substantially. New Fuel Ignitors with much lower voltage requirements than old spark plugs will not misfire. Acceleration is fast.

**7. SAFER PASSING.** New Fuel Ignitors deliver more spark and faster acceleration. They give you an extra margin of safety.

### HOW TO PROVE THAT NEW FUEL IGNITORS WILL GIVE YOU MORE MILES PER GALLON

When your set of new Fuel Ignitors arrives, start your car when it is standing on a level road. When it has warmed up so that it idles without the choke, put the transmission in drive and without touching the accelerator watch the speed at which your car moves slowly forward.

Now, bring your car back to its starting point. Remove your borderline plugs and replace with new Fuel Ignitors just as you received them... no gap setting or other adjustments needed. Start your car. Let it warm up and when it's idling, give it the same crawl test when in gear as you did with your old plugs. The difference in speed is the extra power you get from every gallon of gas when you use new Fuel Ignitors in your car. You save with each gallon of gas you use and because more of the gas is burned with every firing of Fuel Ignitors, your engine will be cleaner.

Order your new Fuel Ignitors now. If you're a driver who wants his car to move when he steps on the gas; if you want your car to start when you turn on the key; if you want every nickel's worth of mileage from every gallon of gas you buy... you'll order a set of Fuel Ignitors for your car today.

More than 50% of all the cars on the road today are losing power and wasting expensive gasoline due to misfiring spark plugs. Worn 10,000 mile plugs are by far the main reason for misfiring, resulting in wasted gasoline and power. If your spark plugs are giving you anything less than a full rich hot spark at the peak of the power stroke of the piston, you can be sure they will nickel and dime you to death. It costs a lot of money to replace spark plugs every 10,000 miles or so, but it costs still more if you don't replace them. Worn plugs, loaded with carbon and other engine deposits, miss too often. You lose power and your gasoline mileage drops. The only thing you can be sure of is that your engine performance will get much worse until you replace those plugs. Now, what can you do about it?



You can...STOP GAS AND POWER LOSS WITH NEW FUEL IGNITORS. GET MORE POWER... MORE MILEAGE.

A Surface Gap Fuel Ignitor does not have a conventional lower insulator "nose". Its firing end has a relatively flat spark surface that



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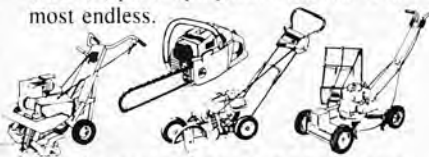
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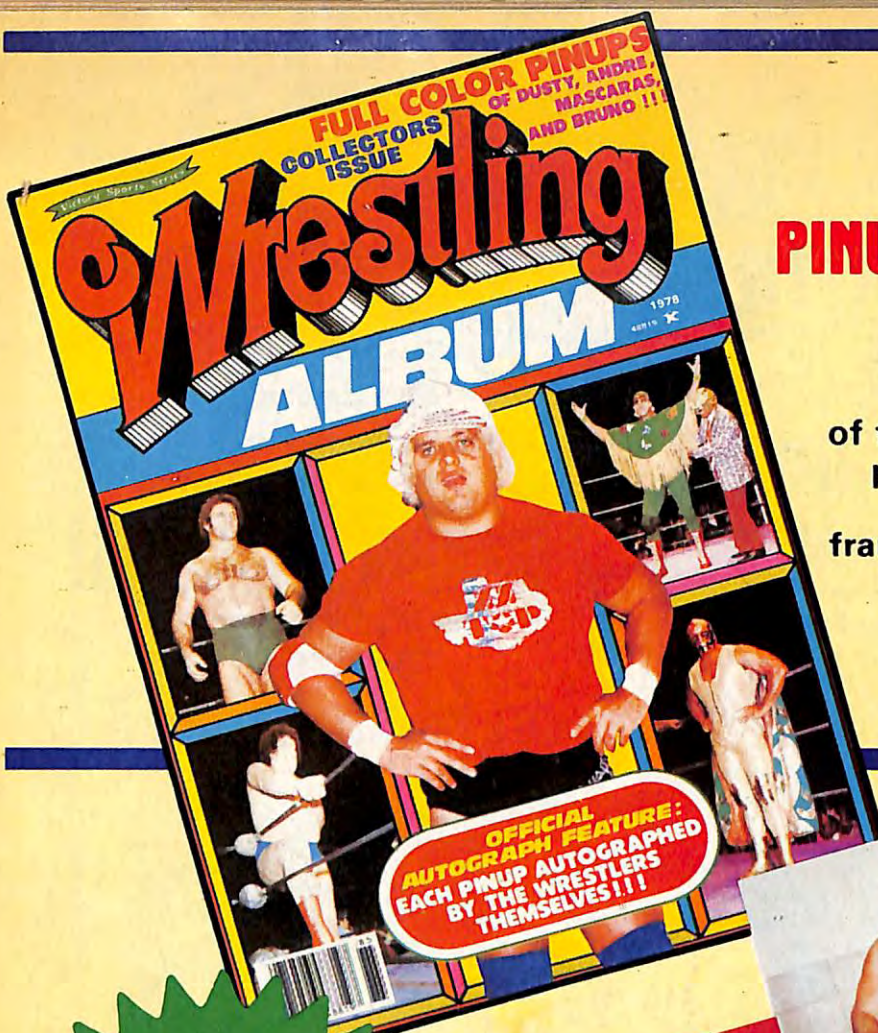
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